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DTI ignored warning over Clowes deals

City watchdog reported illegal trading claim

By Lawrence Lever

Top-level warnings about the crashed investment company, Barlow Clowes, were ignored when they were given to the Government at least four years ago – after it had been trading illegally for more than a year.

The warnings, delivered by a City watchdog, the National Association of Security Dealers and Investment Managers (Nasdim), were given to the Department of Trade and Industry, which was responsible for vetting and monitoring Barlow Clowes.

Along with the warnings came strong evidence that Barlow Clowes had engaged in high-profile advertising and taken in millions of pounds of money from private investors, without having first obtained a securities licence or membership of Nasdim.

Under the law this was a criminal offence, punishable with up to two years' imprisonment or an unlimited fine or both. Only the DTI or the Director of Public Prosecutions could bring a prosecution.

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Despite the warnings and evidence of illegal trading the DTI issued a securities licence to Barlow Clowes on October 28, 1985, after having considered the company's application for several months.

Barlow Clowes, which took in more than £180 million from investors, is being wound up in London and Gibraltar, after evidence of doctoring of clients' records, unauthorized removal of clients' money, and seriously inaccurate returns to the DTI was presented to the High Court last month.

At the moment more than £130 million of investors' money has yet to be located by the liquidators appointed for the Gibraltar operation.

A senior City figure who occupied a top-level position at Nasdim, said yesterday: "We were concerned about Barlow Clowes and alerted the Department of Trade. We felt that the business was being run in a free and easy way, and a lot of money was sloshing around which was not properly accounted for.

"There were very high level discussions within Nasdim at the time. We were very concerned about the amount of money at stake."

This account was also confirmed yesterday to *The Times* by other senior figures who worked at Nasdim at or around the relevant time.

Concern was expressed – certainly within Nasdim and probably also to the DTI – about the high returns Barlow Clowes was promising to investors. Barlow Clowes marketed itself as an expert in government securities, or "gilts", and specialized in a practice called "bond-washing". This involved buying and selling gilts at particular times to convert income from gilts into capital. It was outlawed in the March 1985 Budget except for small investors.

Barlow Clowes claimed to be able to continue offering high returns from gilts by exploiting the exemption for small investors.

A spokesman for the DTI refused to comment yesterday on the Barlow Clowes affair. "We make no comment on individual companies," he said.

In fact the DTI did launch its own investigation into Barlow Clowes, but only at the end of November last year. This investigation – which was not made public at the time, even though investors continued to place money with Barlow Clowes – has now been completed.

It is possible that lawyers acting for Barlow Clowes' investors may try to sue the DTI to recover any money not returned to them. Mr David Pine, of Alexander Tatham – a Manchester solicitor which is co-ordinating an umbrella action group of worried investors – said: "We may be able to sue the DTI for negligence. It is possible that if the DTI had fulfilled its legal obligations in 1985 then Barlow Clowes would have been stillborn".

Barlow Clowes' investors will not be able to make a claim against the central compensation scheme being introduced to protect investors in September this year.

The scheme, which compensates investors who lose money through the collapse of investment firms, does not apply to Barlow Clowes since the firm had only received interim approval under the system of investor protection introduced in April this year by the Financial Services Act.

The Act was devised to provide a better level of protection for investors. The DTI's record as a regulator of investment businesses is reckoned to be very poor by informed City sources.

The DTI lacked the resources to operate a thorough licensing system for investment businesses.

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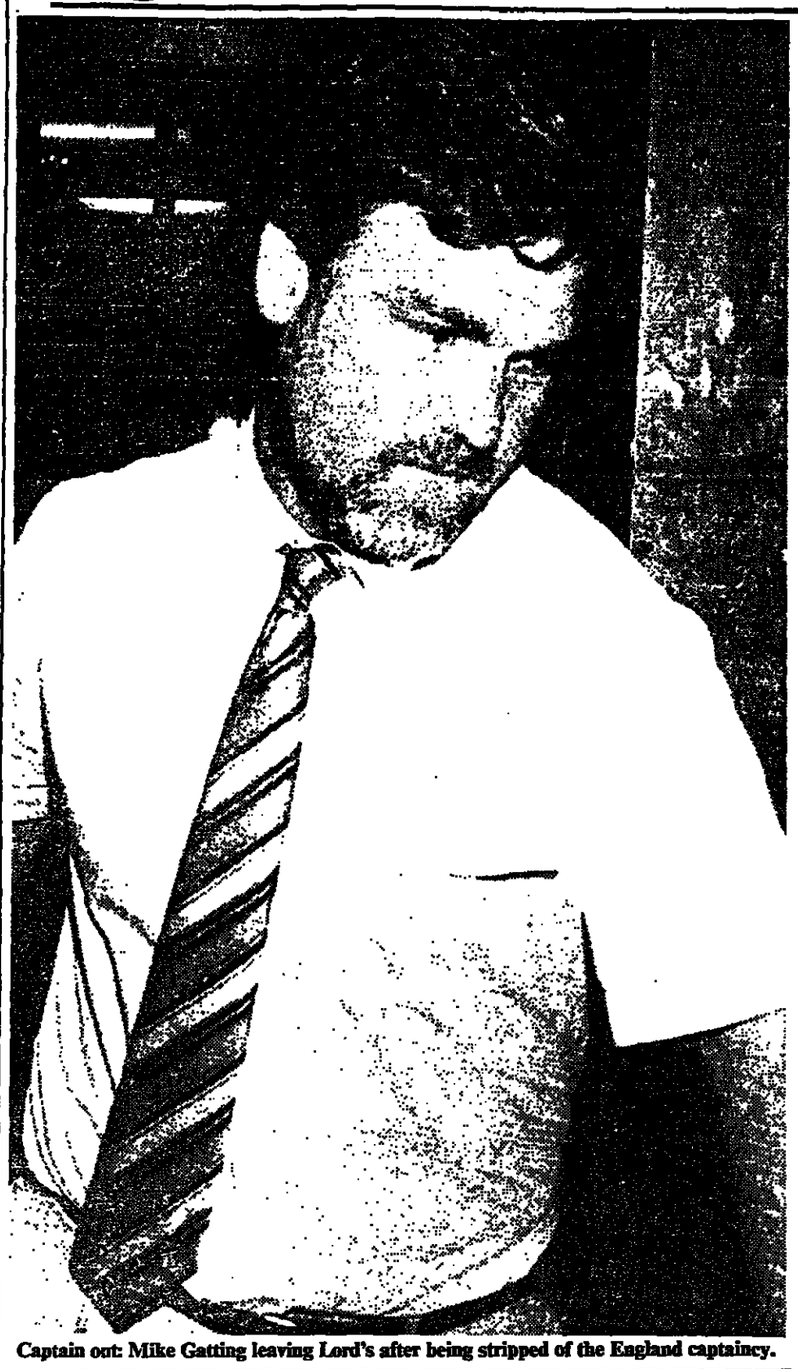
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England batsman to sue over barmaid claims



Captain out: Mike Gatting leaving Lord's after being stripped of the England captaincy.

Gatting is stripped of captaincy

By Howard Foster

Mike Gatting was stripped of the England cricket captaincy yesterday after newspaper allegations about his conduct with a barmaid in his hotel room during the first Test against the West Indies.

The Middlesex batsman, aged 31, who has withdrawn himself from consideration for the second Test due to start at Lord's next Thursday, has said he will sue the newspapers concerned for libel.

Four more England players, Paul Jarvis, Philip DeFreitas, Allan Lamb, and Paul Downton, will be questioned today by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) selectors about their part in alleged incidents at a Leicestershire public house and at the team hotel during the Trent Bridge Test.

The chairman of selectors, Mr Peter May, said that Gatting had behaved "irresponsibly" during a Test match by inviting female company into his room for a drink in the late evening and that the offer for him to captain England for the second Test had been withdrawn.

Gatting, who arrived at Lord's at lunchtime yesterday for his meeting with the selectors, was let into the ground through a side entrance to avoid waiting journalists and television crews.

Through the selectors, Gatting said that he would be issuing writs for alleged libel against the newspapers concerned. Mr May said that Gatting's account of events at the pub and the Rothley Court Hotel had been accepted.

Gatting was not present for a press conference held by the selectors at Lord's and was instead driven away from the ground by car without commenting.

He had already been in trouble with the selectors because of his refusal to withdraw a chapter of his forthcoming autobiography in which he deals with his notorious confrontation with the Pakistani umpire Shakoor Rana on tour last autumn.

The selectors said yesterday that, in fact, Gatting had now instructed his own solicitors to ask his publisher to remove the offending chapter.

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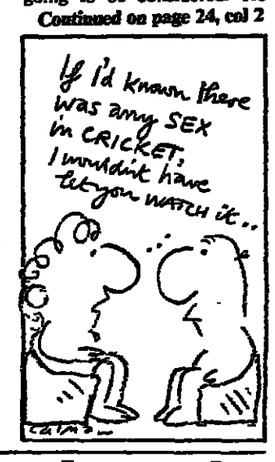
Gatting had been called in to meet Mr May, the team manager Mr Micky Stewart, Mr Phil Sharpe, and Mr Fred Titmus, shortly before midday. He was asked to wait after putting his case and the selectors spent the next two hours in private discussion.

In the early afternoon they called Gatting into a private office and Mr Stewart and Mr May told him that he was to lose the captaincy for the next Test.

Gatting had only secured the captaincy for the first two Test matches anyway, and a decision on who was to lead the side from the third Test onwards would have been made after the Lord's match. The new captain, for the second Test only, will be selected later today

Mr May said of Gatting: "He was obviously very sad about it. He felt he wasn't in the right frame of mind to play in a Test match, and is not going to be considered. He

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Transport Union snubs Kinnock 'dream ticket'

By Philip Webster and Roland Rudd

Mr Neil Kinnock was severely rebuffed by the leaders of Britain's biggest union last night as they took revenge over his attempt to shift the Labour Party away from unilateralism and refused to endorse the Kinnock-Roy Hattersley "dream ticket" for the leadership election.

The move by the executive of the Transport and General Workers' Union to put off at least until September a decision on whom to back in the autumn election, gave a boost to the deputy leadership campaign of Mr John Prescott, the shadow energy secretary.

But it was also a blow to the authority of Mr Kinnock and underlined the difficulties he faces as he attempts to push through far-reaching changes in policy, notably in defence.

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It means that the leadership campaign, which would effectively have been over yesterday if the transport union had backed Mr Hattersley, will now drag on uncertainly through the summer.

A jubilant Mr Prescott last night proclaimed the end of the dream ticket.

Although that appeared to be an optimistic assessment on his part, his backers were predicting that other unions would be encouraged by the TGWU's example and would not consider the dual leadership ticket as sacrosanct, and judge the leadership and deputy leadership elections separately.

The TGWU decision, which was also a big snub for its general secretary, Mr Ron

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Hooligan rehearsal

West German police in riot gear staged a mock battle with colleagues posing as English football hooligans in the Olympic Stadium in Munich yesterday on the eve of the European championship finals.

A total of 250 baton-wielding police charged, about 100 "supporters", who were shouting slogans in English, and went into the crowd with horses and dogs.

The two-hour riot training was intended to be secret and took place as foreign supporters began to drift into the country. Police were congegrating in potential trouble spots to pre-empt any outbreaks of violence. The two matches which most concern the authorities involve England – against the Republic of Ireland in Stuttgart on Sunday and against the Netherlands in Dusseldorf on Wednesday.

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Home video libraries are banned

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

People who videotape television programmes will have to erase their tapes within 28 days of making them or be in breach of the law, the Government said yesterday.

Ministers successfully moved an amendment to the Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill designed to prevent people building up home video libraries. Offenders will be liable to civil prosecution by the copyright owners.

Labour MPs said the measure would be unenforceable, but Mr Francis Maude, the minister for consumer affairs, said the law being relaxed; it was "absurd" that at present it was illegal to record anything off the television.

Viewers should be allowed to watch programmes at a time convenient to them, subject to a time limit.

Treasury wins on ITV levy change

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

After a Whitehall battle between the Treasury and the Home Office, the Government is set radically to change the levy paid by ITV companies in a new bid to make them more efficient.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has insisted the 15 commercial stations should pay a levy based on their net advertisng revenue – rather than profits as at present.

In spite of a modified plan put forward by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, which would have involved the levy being based on a mixture of profits and advertising, the Treasury view has prevailed.

The new system will be introduced from the beginning of 1990 and operate to the end of 1992 when the ITV franchises come up for renewal. Home Office and Treasury sources confirmed the outcome yesterday and changes are likely to be included in legislation next session, possibly the Finance Bill.

It is only two years since the Government last tinkered with the levy system, and last night some senior ITV chefs expressed surprise and anger at the latest twist.

The levy, which is the price paid by ITV companies for enjoying a television advertising monopoly, has been based on profits since the early 1970s.

But it is charged after spending on items including programme and costs, Channel 4 subscriptions, and IBA rentals have been taken into account. Although the "non levyable expenses" have encouraged the making of programmes, they have also discouraged cost-effectiveness and efficiency, and resulted in managements accepting costly staff demands.

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Golding told to go by NCU delegates

By Tim Jones

Mr John Golding, the former Labour MP and highly placed within the moderate wing of the party, was yesterday ordered to resign his post as general secretary of the National Communications Union because of his refusal to answer allegations that he paid a prostitute for sex.

By a card vote of 81,152 to 63,839, delegates to the union's annual conference decided that because of his refusal to make an acceptable statement on the allegations in the *News of the World* "he has lost credibility as our chief negotiator and brought the name of the NCU into disrepute".

The result was greeted with glee by left-wing delegates who have not forgiven Mr Golding for his handling of the union's dispute last year with British Telecom

The union's left-dominated national executive committee will now take legal advice to see how they can remove Mr Golding, aged 57, from his £35,000 a year post.

Mr Golding, whose wife now represents his former Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency, sat impassively on the rostrum as delegates attacked his "arrogant contempt"

He has been advised by his own union, the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff "to take such legal action as is necessary to protect his contractual rights".

Since the allegations were made last January, Mr Golding, a friend of Mr Neil Kinnock, and self-styled "militant moderate" has refused to discuss the matter.

Union officials last night believed that unless Mr Golding steps down voluntarily his dismissal may become a tortuous legal affair.

Kremlin accused of ignoring Afghan prisoners

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

A public outcry has arisen in the Soviet Union about alleged Kremlin inaction over 311 Soviet soldiers officially listed as missing in action in Afghanistan, most of whom are presumed by the Soviet public to be held prisoner by Muslim rebel groups.

Widespread concern on the issue parallels that once expressed in the United States over American soldiers missing after Vietnam.

Leading the emotional campaign is the influential journal *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, which this week published letters on the issue from a huge postbag it said was being forwarded direct to the United Nations in New York. Soviet readers implored the Kremlin to consider offering cash to the rebels for the mens' lives.

Mrs P.V. Bykova wrote from Krasnoyarsk in Siberia: "I am a widow with two sons, but I will donate all my money to ransom the prisoners in order to return our children back home, to stop their tortures. They were there on the orders of the Motherland and it should help them and protect them."

Mrs T. Antropova, the mother of a soldier reported killed in action in Afghanistan, accused the Soviet authorities of doing nothing for the troops despite a Kremlin pledge last month that all possible steps would be taken to see them returned safely.

"On June 10, 1985, my son died in Afghanistan – at least that is what I was told. I did not see him dead. Probably he is also kept a prisoner of war," she wrote. "America is now considering the case of our sons, and what about our leaders? Are they waiting for instructions?

"Of course, their sons were not serving in Afghanistan. When I hear an announcement that 'the Afghan forces routed a rebel band', I think 'how many of ours were killed?'. But on that account, there is total silence."

An Afghan veteran, Mr V. Gitsenko, told the paper: "When we were there, the worst thing imaginable was to be taken prisoner alive by the *dushmans* (the Muslim rebels). Rather than be killed we tried not to think about it. That is why each of us kept one cartridge for himself – not for heroism. It was an emergency measure. Each day for those taken prisoner is hell on earth and we can not sleep quietly while they are there."

Diplomatic sources said that it was not clear how many out of the missing men were still alive. Rebel sympathizers revel in spreading rumours about the tortures allegedly meted out to captured Soviet soldiers and accurate information is hard to come by.

Some of the letters in *Literaturnaya Gazeta* called for the setting up of a special fund to channel "ransom money" to secure the return of the Soviet prisoners, while others expressed indignation about Western attitudes to the issue.

Despite the official reassurances, Soviet sources predicted yesterday that, encouraged by *glasnost*, public pressure over the controversial issue was expected to escalate.



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NEWS ROUNDUP

Baker orders full Burnage details

Mr Kenneth Baker yesterday formally requested Manchester City Council to publish in full the report on the way Burnage High School operated its anti-racist policy.

The report by Mr Ian Macdonald, QC, was commissioned after a Asian boy aged 13 was stabbed to death by a white youth in the school playground. The council has published only an abridged version of the report for legal reasons.

A letter to the council says: "The Secretary of State does not believe on the basis of the foreshortened report that considered conclusions can be drawn about what went wrong at the school or whether the proceedings of the local education authority require review".

Mr Macdonald has said that the existing anti-racist policies in schools, which he says can lead to racism, should be scrapped. He also also disclosed that his report is highly critical of the race relations bureaucracy within the council.

The contents of Mr Baker's letter were disclosed in connection with a Commons answer to Mr Jack Straw, Labour's chief education spokesman. Parliament, page 12

Fire breakthrough

A British company has achieved a breakthrough in fire resistant materials for aircraft interiors and could be in line for big international orders. Scientists working for Metair Aircraft, a subsidiary of Hunting Associated Industries, have found a way of producing fire and heat resistant materials which meet tough new international standards. The first aircraft to be fully fitted with the new materials by Metair was handed over to Saab of Sweden yesterday. Metair has won a contract to install its new equipment in a further 100 Saab 340 aircraft.

Duty free goods plea

Aviation industry leaders will today urge the Government to fight any proposal by the EEC to end the sale of duty free goods in advance of the creation of the single European market. They will tell Lord Brabazon of Tara, the Minister for Aviation, that the price of an average £250 holiday would have to rise by up to £15 if the concessions, which brought sales worth £375 million in 1986, were scrapped. They will argue that every airport earns huge sums of money from duty free sales enabling them to keep down landing charges. Airlines also earn revenue from such sales.

Award for surgery aid

A plastic device to hold back the edges of a wound during an operation has won the Prince of Wales award for industrial innovation. The inventor, Mr David Sharpe, a consultant plastic surgeon at St Luke's Hospital, Bradford, was presented with the trophy and the £10,000 award by Prince Charles at Highgrove House last night. The "steritractor", which is sold in 21 countries and is used in hospitals throughout Britain, holds wounds open and frees the pair of hands normally needed for the job.

Abuse report finished

The report by Lord Justice Butler-Sloss after the 74-day inquiry into the Cleveland child sexual abuse crisis, when two consultant paediatricians diagnosed 121 children as having being abused in the first six months of 1987, has been completed and is being studied by Mr Antony Newton, the Minister of State for Health and Social Security. Government plans to introduce new legislation covering family services and child care, first outlined in a White Paper early last year, have been delayed to await consideration of the inquiry report's recommendations.

Peach application

The family of Mr Blair Peach, the New Zealand teacher who was killed at a demonstration against the National Front at Southall, west London, in 1979, is to ask the High Court to resolve its eight-year battle for damages from the police it believes are to blame for his death. Lawyers will seek an application for summary judgement against the police, on the ground they have no defence to the claim against them, on June 27. Mr Justice McNeill accepted after a two and a half hour private hearing yesterday, that the case was sufficiently strong that they should not have to put up security for costs.

Move to expel electricians' union

Hammond may sue Labour Party

By Roland Rudd

Mr Eric Hammond, leader of the electricians' union, threatened to take the Labour Party to court yesterday if his union is expelled from the party.

Relations between the TUC and the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union have deteriorated to an all-time low, and there are also moves within both wings of Labour to have the union expelled.

Yesterday the EETPU publicly snubbed Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, by telling him that he was no longer welcome at its annual conference in Scarborough later this month.

The electricians' union is about to be suspended and ultimately expelled from the TUC for breaking the organization's rules.

Within Labour Party circles, it is also deeply unpopular and although Mr Neil Kinnock, the party's leader, does not want a damaging dispute at the party's conference in October, officials fear that a motion to expel the EETPU will be proposed and backed.

"The trouble with Labour is that if the TUC says jump, the party jumps", Mr Hammond said yesterday.

He served notice for the first time that he is prepared to fight any expulsion moves by the Labour Party in the courts.

Leftists will argue that the electricians outside the TUC are no longer a *bona fide* trade union and as such can no longer be affiliated to the Labour Party.

The Union of Democratic Mineworkers was refused admission to the party on similar grounds.

However, Mr Hammond will have a strong case in arguing that trade unions outside the TUC remain *bona fide* since the Government's Certification Officer, responsible for trade unions, has already made it clear that he will continue to recognize the EETPU.

Mr Hammond said that because a majority of his members wanted to remain affiliated to the party, he was prepared to drag the party through the courts to have those wishes respected.

As for the TUC, Mr Hammond dismissed it yesterday as an unrepresentative organization of no use to his members.

He emphasized that his union's plans to merge with the Amalgamated Engineering Union — which is not under any immediate threat of suspension — was not intended to secure re-acceptance by the TUC through the back door.

"I would want to see any new merged union between the electricians and the engineers incorporate a rule change preventing the TUC from interfering in our internal affairs", he said.

Such a rule change would put any new merged union outside the TUC, causing further problems. The engineers are anxious to remain within the umbrella organization if possible.

Mr Hammond said "there is a logic to us coming together outside" the TUC. However, he made it clear that he was not interested in forming an alternative TUC, preferring to see unions compete among themselves for members.

Meanwhile, the electricians also announced yesterday that they had signed a new single-union, no-strike agreement with Matsuchita Communications near Newbury. The union will have sole bargaining rights for the current workforce of 32, which is expected to increase during the year.

Mr Hammond said he would not withdraw from two deals already signed and expected to sign more single-union deals outside the TUC. He did not exclude signing such agreements with companies that presently recognized several unions.

"We can no longer be restricted by the Shibboleths of the past", he said.

British firms win big part of SDI work

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

British companies have won more than a third of the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI/Star Wars) contracts awarded outside the United States, it was disclosed yesterday.

After announcing a Star Wars contract to Plessey Radar worth $500,000 yesterday, Lieutenant General James Abrahamson, director of the United States' SDI organisation, said eight countries, including Israel, had so far won 64 contracts valued at about $65 million.

That compares with the $12 billion spent on the whole Star Wars research programme since 1983.

However General Abrahamson indicated that more lucrative contracts could be on offer to Britain and other countries in the future if SDI continued to the next stage.

He said that if Mr Michael Dukakis, the Democratic candidate for the US presidential election won power, he did not believe he would scrap SDI immediately.

The contract awarded to Plessey by the US Army Strategic Defence Command will involve an evaluation of radar technology capable of providing long-range surveillance detection against short range ballistic missiles. General Abrahamson said yesterday Plessey led the world in that field.

Prince on the Rover production line



The Prince of Wales in conversation with Mr Gionvanni Stiaga, a production line worker at the Austin Rover plant in Cowley, Oxfordshire, during a tour of the works yesterday. Earlier he took a test drive in the new 140mph Rover Vitesse with Mr Graham Day, chairman of Rover, in the passenger seat. After a couple of slow runs on the short test track, the Prince accelerated the car to 62mph, and twice steered on to a rippled section of track to test the vehicle's suspension at speed. "I don't know how fast I was going but the acceleration was very good. I was too busy trying to avoid you people", he told photographers. The Prince then toured the car body and assembly plants.

Church of England's profits increase

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Editor

The Church of England's fortunes improved remarkably last year, in spite of the stock exchange collapse in October.

Its total income rose by 17 per cent against an inflation rate of 4 per cent, Sir Douglas Lovelock, the First Church Estates Commissioner, said yesterday.

Presenting the commissioners' annual report, he said "Black Friday" had not had any adverse affect on the church's income. "It makes us rather glad that unlike some funds, we are not totally dependent on stocks and shares, but have a lot of property."

The minimum clergy stipend, financed about equally by the commissioners and by church members' regular donations, has been raised by £500 to £8,500 for incumbents, which is regarded as roughly equivalent to a salary of £13,000 a year.

Diocesan bishops received a rise of about £1,000, taking their annual stipends to just under £17,000. The commissioners have also recently given £1 million to the new Church Urban Fund.

However, Sir Douglas said he anticipated that the total community charge bill for clergy was likely to be between £4 million and £5 million when introduced, which would present "a major problem".

Parsonages are at present half-rated but the clergy and their families will be fully liable for the poll tax.

Talks are taking place with Government ministers about some form of assistance to offset the cost of the charge.

● The Pope is "not necessarily the Anti-Christ", the Presbyterian General Assembly in Northern Ireland decided yesterday.

The church's re-interpretation of the 400-year-old Westminster Confession of Faith is a significant political concession.

Earlier this week the assembly rejected a call for the suspension of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Drunk Tube driver jailed

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

A London Underground train driver was jailed for three months yesterday for driving a train while had had more than four times the amount of alcohol in his blood permitted for car drivers.

Evidence was given that the driver had either travelled too slow or too fast and at some stations had opened the doors on the wrong side of the train. He was eventually found slumped over the control panel in his driving cab.

Mr Bruce Morgan, the magistrate, said at Highgate court: "London Transport are going to have another disaster on their hands unless they take immediate action".

He told the driver, Ronald Chillman, aged 58: "You endangered the lives of hundreds of passengers and this can never happen again.

"I think that every member of the public who steps on a Tube train has the right to expect that a driver should be competent and sober".

London Underground said it shared the magistrate's concern that this case had slipped through its net. Supervisors were being reminded to be vigilant.

Drivers were required to book in when they started a duty and if there was the slightest hint that they had been drinking, or were in any way not fit to drive trains, they would be queried by supervisors.

It was a criminal offence for staff to be drunk while on duty on the railway, or to consume alcohol on duty.

The incident happened on March 24, and London Underground said Chillman had gone on duty at 15.48 at Cockfosters at the northern end of the Piccadilly Line. He had not started driving until 16.52 and it was 19.20 before it was detected that something was wrong. In that time he had taken a train to Heathrow.

The train was at Holloway Road when an automatic warning signal had indicated that something was wrong, and London Underground officials were on their way to the train, although in the meantime an off-duty bus ticket inspector had alerted officials to Chillman's erratic driving.

In court it was said that Chillman had been found three stops further up the line, slumped over the control panel in the driver's cab.

Mr Philip Gaisford, for the defence, said that Chillman, of Rosslyn Road, south Tottenham, north London, had been overtaken by depression.

Rail union rejects criticism

By Our Transport Correspondent

The train drivers' union, Aslef, yesterday criticized the lack of station evacuation procedures on London Underground at the time of the King's Cross fire. Another union resisted a suggestion that a smoking ban applying throughout the system should be extended to its members smoking in their messrooms.

The points were made at the London inquiry into the fire.

The opposition to an extension of the no-smoking rule came from the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association, representing booking office clerks and other white collar staff. Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, conducting the inquiry, had said it seemed anomalous that staff should be excluded from the ban.

For the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, representing drivers, Mr Benet Hytner, QC, said that at the time of the fire nothing in the rule book covered the evacuation of stations.

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Conveyancing services

Controls on solicitors eased

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors in England and Wales will be free for the first time to form arrangements with building societies, estate agents and housing developers for the introduction of work under a new code agreed by the Law Society council yesterday.

The code, which comes into force on September 1, sweeps away the long-standing ban on solicitors forming arrangements for the introduction of work. But the council also agreed other restrictions which will ensure that solicitors are not at the receiving end of "all-in" conveyancing packages fixed by institutions in the house buyers' market.

In a move that will strike at the ability of the big lending institutions to take the lead in providing conveyancing services, the council agreed solicitors should not be party to arrangements with lending instutitions under which the solicitor would be paid a fixed fee, and house buyers offered "packages" combining mortgage and "free" conveyancing.

Nor will a solicitor be able to enter into an arrangement in which he is pre-paid by an estate agent offering a conveyancing service to the house buyer; or with builder-developers who offer conveyancing services for buyers of their homes.

Mr Walter Merricks, assistant secretary general, communications, said yesterday: "This new code does away with the old prohibition on arrangements and allows solicitors to participate in an active and open way in a very competitive market".

Building societies and other bodies would be able to refer work to solicitors' firms on the basis that the client would pay the solicitor direct; but would not be able to advertise "a bundled up package". There must be a direct relationship between the client and the solicitor, he said.

In practice the ban has been hard to police and it has hampered solicitors in the increasingly-competitive house buyers' market.

ITV to stay dominant force

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Independent television companies said yesterday they will still be the dominant force in British commercial television at the end of the century, in spite of the threat posed by the new wave of satellite channels.

With advertising rates offered by Mr Rupert Murdoch's Sky Television venture certain to be considerably below those currently charged by the 15 independent stations, ITV chiefs accept their income will suffer. Mr David Shaw, director of the ITV association, said last night: "We have seen the competition coming and there is no objection to that.

"Equally there is no doubt whatsoever that Mr Murdoch's four new channels are going to take away revenue.

"But I take a bullish view. We currently beam our programmes into every household in the nation and we have considerable consumer and audience loyalty.

"If in 10 years' time we are not still very much in command of the commercial broadcasting market in this country, with possibly 75 to 80 per cent of the revenue we get in real terms now, we will have proven to be very bad bsuinessmen.

"We will get stuck in. This is competition, but we hold the high ground and if we can't defend it successfully that is our problem."

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Ministers want Ulster shipyard sold

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Opposition is growing in Whitehall to the continued government funding of the state-owned Harland and Wolff shipyard with ministers critical of the company's recent production record.

The Government has signalled that it would be interested in ridding itself of the loss-making Northern Ireland yard while at the same time indicating that it is reluctant to give a £70 million subsidy to allow the company to proceed with an an ambitious plan to build a 160,000 tonne cruise liner.

Any approach from Mr Ravi Tikoo, the tycoon who wants to build the £264 million pound vessel, to buy the yard would be favourably received by the Government.

Whitehall does not believe that a management buy-out of Harland and Wolff is an option, as it fears that if the yard ran into financial difficulties, the new owners would come back to the Government for more money.

During the past five years the yard, based in east Belfast, has received £240 million of government funds and during the past two years its financial losses totalled £122 million. It is costing £15,000 for each of its 3,900 employees to keep open and ministers are critical of its recent record and of alleged deficiencies in financial control.

Although Unionist politicans and the province's Economic Council argue that the yard is important to securing others jobs in Northern Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom, ministers see no end in sight to its multi-million pound losses and believe the Government could spend the money on encouraging enterprise elsewhere in the North.

● A mass meeting of 10,000 workers yesterday voted overwhelmingly to continue the strike at the Vickers submarine shipyard at Barrow, Cumbria. They are to hold secret ballots on making the strike indefinite.

The meeting rejected a last-minute plea from the management to go back to work so that talks can take place over the issue that caused the strike, the company's plan to reintroduce the fixed summer holiday for all the workforce.

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Civil Servant drawn into web of vice after joining masons

A senior Civil Servant was bribed with call girls, holidays in the United States and thousands of pounds to give corrupt builders lucrative government contracts, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Eric Wenborn, aged 58, was drawn into the web of corruption after becoming a Freemason. He was introduced to builders who offered him a fortune to put business their way, Mr Michael Sayers, for the prosecution, said.

Judge Kenneth Machin, QC, said Wenborn had abused his position of trust to line his own pockets and jailed him for two years on specimen charges of conspiring to obtain bribes, deception and corruptly receiving gifts.

The judge said: "You enriched yourself by substantial sums of money."

Wenborn, the second in command at the Property Service Agency near Victoria, central London, had been a Civil Servant for 42 years and worked his way up from office boy to district works officer.

The court was told that he was flown to Las Vegas for a holiday and call girls were brought to his hotel room. He insisted that he never used their services.

Mr Sayers said Wenborn, of Highland Road, Bromley, south-east London, was later given another all expenses paid holiday in Miami with his mistress. Throughout 1983 he was paid £1,000 a month which he deposited in his wife's name in a Channel Islands bank.

Wenborn bought his mistress a flat for £33,000. He also bought an £8,000 car and expensive furniture for his house and the flat although his Civil Service income was £653 a month.

Mr Sayers said it was impossible to estimate exactly how much Wenborn had pocketed in bribes.

He ensured the builders got contracts at inflated prices. They made massive profits which came straight out of the taxpayer's pockets.

The Property Services Agency is responsible for all government buildings, including the Houses of Parliament and Hampton Court, and has an annual budget of £700 million.

Miss Jean Southworth, QC, for the defence, said: "When Wenborn got into this strata of Civil Service he found that he had come into something that had clearly been going on for years". Half the employees of the Victoria office were involved. "Wenborn participated not out of greed but to provide for his future", Miss Southworth said.

Mr Sayers, who described the corruption within the agency as a £4 million swindle, said that Maurice Hern, one of the corrupt builders serving a jail sentence for his activities, met Wenborn at a masonic function. "Hern was invited to visit Wenborn at his office and the corrupt relationship started immediately."

Many Civil Servants were in the same masonic lodge and it was there that Wenborn met a corrupt builder.

Hern had told detectives that corruption was so rife in the agency that the only way for builders to be awarded contracts was "by bribing the Civil Servants and rigging the contracts".

Wenborn, silver-haired and dressed in a smart business suit, pleaded guilty to the specimen charges.

Last Friday six builders and a Civil Servant were conviction on similar corruption charges. They will be sentenced later this month.

The widespread corruption was revealed by a "disgruntled employee" of a building firm who learnt about the holidays and "blew the lid", Mr Sayers said.Other Civil Servants had been given free holidays.

Royal Hospital marks Founder's Day



Sergeant David Guild, aged 74, and boys from the Duke of York's Royal Military School for Boys, Dover, on parade yesterday for Founder's Day at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, where the pensioners' march past in Figure Court was watched by Princess Alexandra. The hospital, begun by Charles II with a Royal Warrant in 1681, has up to 420 pensioners in residence, of whom the oldest is 97 (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Private medical insurance

Scheme launched 'for the healthy'

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

Britain's third largest private health insurance company, Western Provident Association, yesterday launched a scheme for the "healthy".

People joining the scheme, which WPA claims is 60 per cent cheaper than competitors' rates, must present a full medical attendance report completed by their family doctor and undergo a check every three years carried out by another doctor.

Any existing medical condition will be exempt from cover and anyone with raised blood pressure, for example, will be unable to claim for related diseases such as strokes and heart disease.

At present most insurance companies trust subscribers to disclose details of their medical history when they complete application forms. WPA argues that many people "forget" to mention certain ailments.

WPA, which has 250,000 subscribers and holds 10 per cent of the health insurance market, is also the first company specifically to preclude any cover for Human Immuno Deficiency infection, or Aids. Those with the HIV virus cannot join and anyone infected by the virus after joining will not get cover for Aids related diseases.

The "Health Contract" Scheme, aimed at young parents although available to anyone aged 18 to 101, has a £50,000 limit and also precludes cover for chronic sickness, psychiatric illnesses and renal dialysis.

It is being launched jointly with the insurance company Commercial Union, who will handle all marketing and sales. The joint venture marks Commercial Union's entry into the private health care insurance industry.

WPA said that if anyone failed to undergo a three-yearly check, carried out at the subscriber's cost by family doctors, they would be dropped from the plan. The company wants to encourage people to be responsible for their health and to pick up diseases in their earliest stages when they are less costly to treat.

The strict conditions are designed to halt the relentless rise in premiums which has made private health insurance prohibitive.

Mr Julian Stainton, managing director, said 90p out of every £1 received was paid in claims.

"Insurance premiums from healthy members are subsidizing the ill members which is why premiums are so high." A healthier pool of subscribers would help to keep down rises in premiums, he said.

WPA says its contract offers comprehensive health insurance and has not copied other companies who have introduced cut-price schemes offering less cover.

The WPA scheme will allow people a wide choice of hospitals and will not be priced in bands for hospitals in certain areas. However, subscriptions will vary according to where subscribers live.

Family cover for a husband and wife in their mid 30s and two children would cost between £422 and £767 a year under the WPA scheme, £952 for Bupacare (London rates) and £1,219 for Private Patients Plan's family health plan in its top hospital band.

A married couple in their late 50s would pay between £500 and £909, compared with £1,068 in Bupacare (London rates) and £1, 269 for PPP's top band.

Violence in rural Britain

Police worried by new trend

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Police faced more than 250 outbreaks of serious public disorder in Britain's once tranquil villages and country towns last year, according to a survey on rural violence issued yesterday by the country's chief constables.

Incidents ranged from a 1,000 strong mob on a West Country beach to a party which spread to the street in Ramsgate, Kent, and dozens of confrontations outside public houses or clubs up and down the land.

The survey found: "When youth and alcohol mix, police are faced with a volatile and unpredictable situation often complicated by problems of police mobility." The most seriously effected areas were also the most prosperous.

Thirty-five of the 36 shire counties covered by the survey reported disorders lasting a few minutes to three hours, involving from 20 to 200 people and needing extra police reinforcements which were often difficult to get.

Drink was involved in 90 per cent of the incidents and the trouble led to the use of 5,600 officers resulting in more than 2,000 arrests. The main centres of trouble lay in the South and Home Counties, the Midlands shires and seaside towns.

Police officers met Home Office officials last week to plan a fresh strategy for a problem which chief constables say can only be met effectively with manpower increases.

There are also calls for tougher sentencing from the courts.

Announcing the report, the Asssociation of Chief Police Officers said the survey "paints a worrying picture of some areas of provincial life, especially in southern England. From Petersfield to Penrith, from Barnstaple to Bridlington come reports of unprovoked attacks on property, public and police with an often inadequate police presence one of the main factors."

Commenting on the report Mr Roger Birch, chief constable of Sussex and president of the association, said the recent Home Office award of 450 new officers to provincial forces would not even scratch the surface of the problem.

The survey was announced yesterday by Mr Brian Hayes, its compiler and chief constable of Surrey, who said the survey did not include all disorders but only those cases where 20 or more people were involved in group violence, assaults or criminal damage and where reinforcements of 10 or more officers were needed.

Portfolio —PLUS NEW— Accumulator

Winnings go on gale repairs

A winner sharing the daily Portfolio prize of £4,000 will use the money to improve his home and replace a fence damaged in last October's storms.

Mr Norman Davies, aged 48, a Civil Servant, of Battenburg Avenue, Portsmouth, said the money would be useful as he was resetting garden posts in concrete after they were ripped out in the storms.

"It was complete havoc here on the night of the storms and I am resetting the fence while I am on holiday. The rest of the money I will use on general household improvements," Mr Davies, who is married with three daughters, said.

The prize is shared with Mrs Clare Dodgson, of Southdown Terrace, Steyning, West Sussex.



Mr Davies, whose prize will help to replace a fence

Judge sums up Meacher lawsuit

By Robin Young

The High Court jury hearing Mr Michael Meacher's libel case against *The Observer* was reminded of President's Truman's saying yesterday: "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen".

After 11 days of evidence and legal argument, Mr Justice Hazan summed up the issues involved in less than three hours. The jury might think that Mr Alan Watkins, the newspaper's political columnist, had "laid about Mr Meacher with considerable vigour", he said, but they might also remember President Truman's remark.

"A free press is the bulwark of democracy", the judge said, "and Britain is a country with a tradition of trenchant criticism of politicians and political decisions. It is no use paying lip-service to that concept unless you put it into practice."

He said the press must not overstep the mark, but added: "Mere vulgar abuse is not, of course, defamatory", and: "Carelessness is not to be equated with indifference to the truth".

The judge said some might think that Mr Meacher's decision to send out questionnaires asking health authority chairmen to report on the political affiliations of their colleagues without their knowledge was "decidedly un-English" and "bound to create something of a furore and to arouse a considerable amount of controversy".

People might take the view that the questionnaire was "bound to lead to trouble" the judge said, because: "A man's religion and politics are a matter for him and private unless he chooses to disclose them".

In deciding whether the article by Mr Watkins was defamatory, the judge suggested, the jury might like to take into account what happened after its publication: "Apparently a deafening silence". People had not rushed forward to tell Mr Meacher what *The Observer* had said.

The judge said that Mr Richard Hartley, QC, counsel for *The Observer*, had seized upon a statement Mr Meacher had made to his solicitors because it contained the sentence: "I have always described my father as a farm worker", whereas in evidence he had stated: "I have never told anyone that my father was a farm worker".

But, the judge said: "You must not wrench a sentence out of context."

He will send jurors out to consider their verdict today.

Mystery of increase in diabetes

By Our Science Correspondent

About 20,000 people a year die prematurely because of diabetes, and the incidence of the condition in children has doubled in the past 20 years, according to a report published yesterday.

The British Diabetic Association says the increase is mainly in the top two social classes and most noticeable in rural areas. "The reason for this somewhat alarming increase is not known", Sir John Nabarro, chairman, said.

One theory was that there were more virus infections affecting the pancreas, the organ which produces the insulin needed to break down sugar in the blood.

Diabetes is caused by the inability of the pancreas to produce enough insulin, resulting in blood sugar levels which become too high.

The report says that the 20,000 premature deaths a year involve diabetics who suffer related heart disease, strokes and kidney failure, and estimates that about 60,000 new cases of diabetes are diagnosed annually.

Diabetes In The United Kingdom, 1988 (BDA, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BD; free).

Multi-organ donor

Boy's death benefits eight patients

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Eight people have benefited from transplant surgery after the death of a boy in a traffic accident.

The heart, lungs, kidneys, liver and corneas of David Kislingbury, aged 13, are being used in six transplant operations, while two dialysis machines will be freed because of the kidney transplants, enabling two patients on a waiting list to receive treatment.

The boy was carrying an organ donor card when he was critically injured in a road accident outside his boarding school near Exeter on Monday night. His mother and stepfather, Anne and Richard Baxter, of Reading, Berkshire, agreed to the removal of his organs after he was diagnosed as brain dead after 27 hours at a hospital in Torquay.

Several teams of surgeons flew to the hospital from transplant units in different parts of the country to perform the removals.

"Transplants were something we had discussed as a family and David thought they were a great idea", Mrs Baxter said yesterday.

"The knowledge that his death has led to other people being helped is the only thing that is keeping me going."

A women recipient of one kidney had been waiting 18 months for the operation and the other had undergone an unsuccessful transplant.

The sequence of operations was made possible with the help of the UK Transplant Service at Bristol.

"This is a perfect example of co-operation between different hospitals and health authorities and one that we would like to see emulated more often", a spokesman for the service said.

"Without this kind of national co-operation, many of these operations would be impossible."

Multi-organ donors were now more often the rule than the exception, and about 300 of them were carried out in Britain last year, he said.

Last week Mrs Edwina Currie, Under-Secretary of State for Health, called for improvements in transplant co-ordination to help to make more organs available for donation. She announced a campaign to encourage more people to carry a donor card and will seek better co-operation from the medical profession.

Single hotel room costs £200 a night

By Rosemary Unsworth
Retail Affairs Correspondent

The cost of staying in a British hotel is set to rise by about 10 per cent this year with some single rooms in London costing £200 a night, according to a survey. But guests at the Savoy, where rooms start at £125 a night, may opt for no-smoking accommodation.

The Strand-based flagship of the group which includes the Connaught and the Berkeley, has joined the growing band of hotels which have declared dining rooms, lounges and some bedrooms no-smoking areas.

The Savoy has completed a £2.3 million redecoration and introduced the ban in 35 refurbished rooms and suites.

London's Hyatt Carlton Hotel — which has spent £17 million on improvements — is the most expensive in the survey of 500 hotels by *Caterer and Hotelkeeper*. A single room and breakfast is £216.50, up 21.5 per cent on last year. Trusthouse Forte has increased its rates by just over 10 per cent.

Three and four-star hotels in London, Birmingham, Manchester and Edinburgh have all raised prices by about the same, but there have been higher increases in tourist places of up to 16.5 per cent.

Prices have moved ahead faster in Glasgow than Edinburgh, while three-star hotels in Cardiff registered the lowest increase of 7.5 per cent, followed by Edinburgh with 8.2 per cent. Guests can expect to pay more than £42 for a single room in a two-star London hotel, £85 in a four or five-star one near Heathrow Airport, £52 in a three-star tourist hotel and £67 in a country house hotel.

● The two way trade in tourism is booming, but spending by visitors to Britain is not keeping pace with the rise in numbers. The British Tourist Authority says although overseas visitors rose by 10 per cent in the first quarter of this year, their spending at £1,055 million, was up only 4 per cent.

Bamber hopes scientific tests will clear him

Scientific tests may prove the innocence of Jeremy Bamber who was sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering five members of his family.

Yesterday lawyers for Bamber were granted an adjournment by the Court of Appeal for more time for the experiments to be carried out.

Bamber, aged 26, hopes the tests will show he did not hold the gun which killed his adoptive parents, a sister and her twin sons in 1985.

At his 1986 trial, when he received five life sentences, Bamber was said to have hoped to inherit £500,000.

AA loses over evidence in speeding case

The Automobile Association lost an important test case in the High Court yesterday over whether the police can rely on the evidence of a single expert to obtain a speeding conviction.

Lord Justice Bingham, sitting with Mr Justice Hutchison, dismissed an appeal by Iona Crossland, backed by the AA, against her conviction at Tower Bridge Magistrates' Court in November 1984 for speeding after an unwitnessed accident in which she collided with a pedestrian.

The judges agreed that the police could use an accident reconstruction conducted by a police constable, who is an acknowledged expert in the field, to obtain their conviction. The AA is considering an appeal to the Lords.

First foxhunting museum

Sporting history in Quorn territory

By Alan Hamilton

Britain's first museum of foxhunting, the quintessential English sport, is to be established at Melton Mowbray in Leicestershire, the world capital of the unspeakable in pursuit of the uneatable.

Melton, home to England's three most famous hunts, the Cottesmore, the Belvoir and the Quorn, has been chosen because it is regarded as the cradle of the sport and because Leicestershire County Council has agreed, in spite of some opposition from the anti-hunting lobby, to support the project and to provide the planned museum with a home.

The museum, to be housed in the courtyard of the Melton Carnegie Museum of local history, will trace the development of the modern sport from its origins 250 years ago. Its promoters yesterday gave assurances that it would tell both sides of the story, with due space being given to the anti-hunting argument.

Lord Kimball, chairman of the museum's steering committee, who as Mr Marcus Kimball, Conservative MP for Gainsborough, spent much of his 32 years in the Commons ensuring the defeat of at least 16 anti-blood sports Bills, has appealed to the hunting community to donate items of interest. "We have at present no nucleus of a collection, apart from from a number of Fernley and Grant sporting pictures already in Leicestershire museums. There is a great deal of interesting material relating to the history of the sport in private hands. Without this museum it may be lost forever."

Lord Kimball, a former joint master of both the Fitzwilliam and the Cottesmore who lives near Melton and still hunts regularly, said: "Foxhunting is an integral part of rural history, just as much as displays of old farm wagons and the like. A museum of this kind is long overdue."

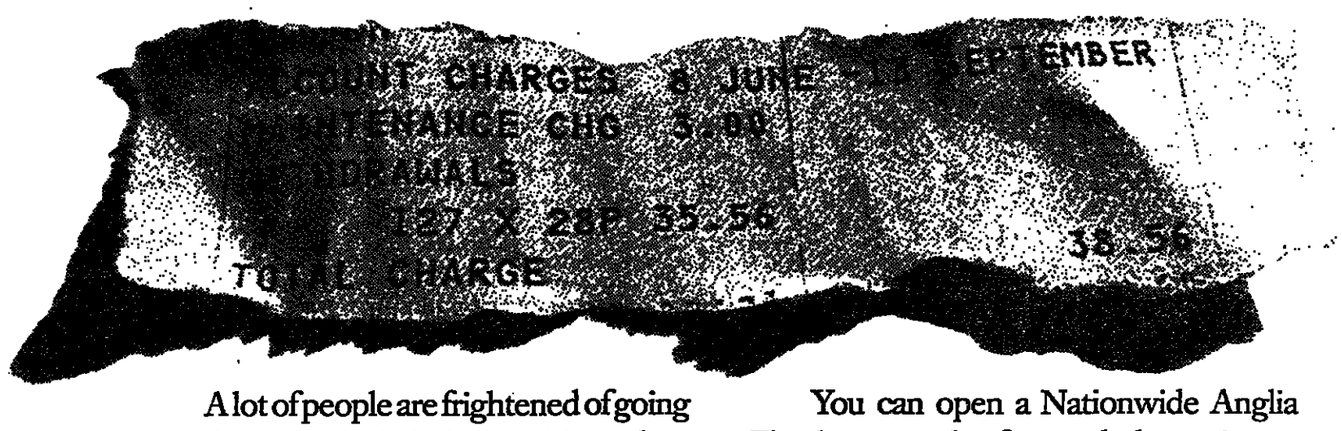
Later this year the Masters of Foxhounds Association will launch a £150,000 appeal to establish the museum, although the county council has agreed to provide professional support. Mr Tim Schadla-Hall, deputy director of Leicestershire county museums, said yesterday: "The museum will act as base for saving documents and artifacts related to hunting, which are in danger of being lost".

According to the Masters of Foxhounds Association, there are 193 packs of hounds in Britain, with 48,000 members and 390,000 regular followers.

Mr John Bryant, of the League Against Cruel Sports, yesterday gave a guarded welcome to the Melton project provided it gave credence to the anti-hunting argument and acknowledged the existence of the league's approved alternative of drag hunting, in which hounds chase an artificial or human scent. "But", Mr Bryant said, "we shall only be entirely happy when all foxhunting is consigned to a museum".

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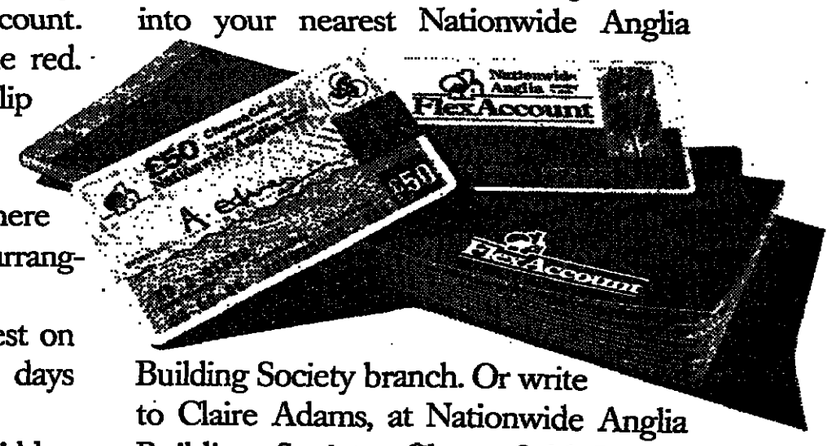
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Regional trends

Business thrives as Bristol leads in self-employment

By Andrew Morgan

The multi-coloured window blinds in the workshops of Mr Bruce Neill, in Bristol, are testimony to the flourishing enterprise culture in the South-west, where the numbers of self-employed are the highest in the country.

The region was highlighted in the Government's *Regional Trends* report, published yesterday, as receiving a net immigration of 83,000 in 1986 from the South-east. Many have contributed to a doubling of the self-employed since 1979.

Estimates are that the population will increase by 9.8 per cent by the year 2001, making it the second fastest growing region in the UK after East Anglia.

After the South-east and East Anglia, the region also had the highest Gross Domestic Product per head in 1986. Avon and Wiltshire were above the national average but Cornwall was 20 per cent below. However, even with high unemployment, Cornish small businesses are flourishing.

Mr Neill started Appeal Blinds five years ago with his wife, Sonia, after returning from work as a mechanical engineer in Brazil. They now employ 10 people, specializing in conservatory blinds, and are on target for a turnover this year of £250,000.

Mr Neill used his own money and borrowed £10,000 from the Government's business development loan scheme. Advice came from the Bristol and Avon Enterprise Agency, funded by the Manpower Services Commission and local industry.

"When I arrived back in the UK in 1983, I had a blank sheet. I chose the South-west because of its enterprise initiatives and the fact that modern industry was locating here. Its growth rate will keep on soaring."

The South-west has 35 enterprises agencies sponsored by the private sector, with top-up money from the Government.

Mr Mike Mears, of the Bristol and Avon Enterprise Agency, said: "The South-west has a great tradition of wealth-generation, dating back to our merchant days. We are building on strong foundations."

Heavy migration is reflected in big companies relocating their headquarters, particularly in Avon. Sun Life, the Clerical Medical Group, London Life and the support services group of Lloyds Bank are all establishing main offices in Bristol.

Hewlett Packard, the computer company, and Dupont, making electrical connectors, have also established big operations near Bristol to benefit from the proximity of high-technology businesses along the M4 corridor.

They are close to the flourishing aerospace industry at Filton, with British Aerospace and Rolls Royce. With Aerospace in Yeovil, GEC Marconi at Nailsea and BAJ at Weston-super-Mare, 19,000 people work largely in defence and associated industries.

Mr Tim Lansley, senior planning officer for Avon County Council, lists lower costs and quality of the environment as the vital factors behind relocation.

"Companies in the finance sector, electronics, and research and development are moving here in increasing numbers", he said.

Several management buy-outs have mirrored moves in the South-east and the arrival of the big companies has added momentum to small businesses.

However, some relocated workers are being forced across the River Severn into Gwent to look for cheaper accommodation as property prices rise.

Mr Christopher Dobson, managing director of ET Electrotech Research, located in Thornbury, Avon, said: "Delays on the Severn Bridge are a big problem and the suffering of those travelling from Gwent will increase."

The enterprise culture has long roots in the South-west largely as a result of the absence of established big companies.

In Cornwall, small businesses are expanding in the Truro area.

The Department of Employment's Training Commission said: "There has always been a strong tradition in crafts for the tourist trade but we have seen an acute expansion of businesses into the service and high-technology sector."

A man of many letters



Mr Alistair Cooke, the broadcaster, known for his radio commentary *Letter from America* which is heard by millions around the world, who received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree yesterday, bestowed by the Duke of Edinburgh, chancellor of Cambridge University.

Engineers facing £7.25m blast bill

The House of Lords yesterday cleared the way for bereaved relatives and survivors of the Abbeystead pumping station disaster in 1984 to go ahead with £3 million compensation claims.

Three Law Lords refused Binnie and Partners, the consultant engineers, leave to appeal against last February's Court of Appeal ruling that they were wholly liable for the methane gas explosion which killed 16 and injured 28.

The firm faces a £7.25 million bill for compensation, repair costs and legal costs.

The blast happened after residents from the Lancashire village of St Michael's on Wyre had been invited to the plant by the North West Water Authority, which hoped to allay fears that their homes would be flooded in a scheme to pump water from the River Lune to the River Wyre.

Mr Daniel Brennan, QC, for the survivors and relatives, said that the case had been rightly decided by the Court of Appeal. Yesterday's ruling ends a long-running legal dispute over who was to blame for the disaster. The High Court held that liability should be shared by Binnie, the water authority and Edmund Nuttall Ltd, the builders of the £68 million water distribution scheme.

Grosvenor House fair sells well

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Many of the exhibits at the Grosvenor House fair were already sold when Mrs Margaret Thatcher opened the event yesterday at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London.

Still on offer, however, were a huge silver ewer and basin once owned by the church of St Martin-in-the-Fields at the Koopman stand. The pair, sold at Sotheby's for £26,000 in 1972, now carry a price of "more than £400,000".

Also for sale, at £110,000, is a silver Paul de Lamerie cake basket. Mr Koopman said: "It was shoplifted from Spink and we bought it from the insurance company".

At Spink, near by, was a rare lacquered screen decorated with a picturesque portrayal of Canton on sale for £120,000, and a jade vase decorated with a frieze of fish. Sold by the company 37 years ago for $20,000, it now has the price tag of £65,000.

Over at Thomas Howard, a life-sized terracotta portrait of William Penn, the American Quaker, sitting contemplating an open book costs £125,000. The only one on such a scale, and possibly made as a monument intended to stand in Philadelphia, it is by the Hungarian Kaspar Buberl.

Close by, in the Dorchester, the International Ceramics Fair was preparing to open today. The most valuable item there, at £195,000, is a bowl from the famous Louis XIV service, at the B. Dragesco and D Cramoisan stand.

● Sotheby's is gaining momentum in Munich, a market first attacked by it last October. There was a double record, for a twentieth-century painting sold in Germany, and for the artist Emil Nolde, when his picture "Blumengarten" fetched DM8 million (£583,000), double its estimate. There was also a record, of £91,887 (three times estimate) for a watercolour by another German artist, George Grosz.

Japanese cars are best for reliability

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Less than a week after *Which?* criticized the reliability of British cars, another survey has confirmed that Japanese cars are consistently less troublesome than UK models.

In the first study of its kind into roadside breakdowns, a leading recovery firm has disclosed that the Volvo 240 is the most reliable new car on the road, closely followed by seven Japanese models.

Mr Ernst Smith, managing director of National Breakdown Recovery Club, the third-largest recovery operator, described the top 10 cars in each age category of the survey as "the cream of cars on the road".

Among year-old cars, the most reliable stands a one-in-12 chance of breaking down, the worst a one-in-five chance.

Although British cars and prestige marques fare badly in the survey, Mr Smith said the Land Rover proved to be "absolutely superb".

It was one of the most reliable three to five-year-old vehicles on the road, better than many Japanese cars, but it was excluded from the survey because it was considered to be a "working" commercial vehicle.

The survey compared the number of times certain models broke down with the bank of 1,000,000 vehicles covered by National Breakdown membership.

Rival recovery firms have always shied away from publishing such surveys for fear of antagonising car manufacturers whose cars were seen to be unreliable.

CAR RELIABILITY

Up to 3 years	3 to 5 years
Volvo 240	Toyota Carina
Toyota Carina	Volvo 240
Mazda 626	Volvo 360
Nissan Bluebird	Honda Accord
Nissan Sunny	Toyota Tercel
Nissan Micra	Toyota Corolla
Honda Accord	Volvo 340
Volvo 740	VW Passat
Renault 11	Toyota Camry
Mazda 323	Nissan Micra

Among cars up to three years old, the Volvo 240 was the least likely to break down, closely followed by the Toyota Carina, Mazda 626, Nissan Bluebird, Sunny and Micra, Honda Accord, Volvo 740, Renault 11 and Mazda 323.

Mr Smith said: "The significant point in the survey is that in each age group, the most reliable are those bought largely by private motorists as these drivers tend to look after their cars better and drive fewer miles."

No best-selling models such as the Ford Escort ranked highly in the survey.

The only British-made cars to feature in the top 10 are the Austin Maxi and Triumph Acclaim, ranked highly in the five to eight-year-old category.

For older cars, the gap between the most reliable and those prone to breakdowns is much greater.

The Vauxhall Carlton leads the over-eight class, followed by the Toyota Corolla, Honda Accord, Volvo 245, Opel Ascona, Volvo 244, Nissan Sunny, Volvo 343, Vauxhall Cavalier and Ford Granada.

Small firms win in petrol price war

By Our Motor Industry Correspondent

Esso is putting up the price of its four-star petrol by up to 4.5p a gallon today, after average increases yesterday of 3.6p by BP and 3.7p by Texaco.

Esso accounts for about a fifth of the petrol sold to motorists in Britain and with Shell controls an estimated 40 per cent of the market. Esso said that the increase was a result of market forces and that the market would decide if the higher price would be eroded in the coming weeks.

As the leading companies raise prices it is evident that they are under intense price pressure from small and independent operators. The cheapest petrol in Britain is in Pentre, Mid Glamorgan. Mr Donal Humphries of Action Service Stations charges 149.5p a gallon and has no plans to raise prices. He said: "What the big companies are doing is nothing more than a cartel and there is no justification for it.

"Because I have 22 petrol stations I know what it is possible to buy a tanker full of petrol for and believe me they are making enough profit already. They are not being fair to the motorist who once again is losing. There should be more people like me around and then drivers would get a fair deal."

In London's West End, a BP garage on Park Lane yesterday raised its price to £1.90 a gallon, while in the East End four-star can be bought in Kingsland Road for 155.5p on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.An Esso station near by charges 171p and a BP station 174.6p.

Mr Chris Mathews, manager of the Fina station which charges 155.5p on Wednesdays, said: "We have always been about 12p cheaper than the BP garage down the road.

On Wednesdays we sell double the number of gallons on any other day". Competing with the M&H station near by, which matches his price on Tuesdays, was not easy as his rival buys direct on the spot market for cash. It is not unusual for M&H to buy from leading oil companies prepared to sell excess supplies, yet the garage is considering cutting prices further to emerge a clear winner in the Kingsland Road price war.

In Cardiff yesterday, Esso and Shell were charging 169p while Gulf was charging almost 10p less. Hypermarkets in South Wales are selling four- star at 154.6p.

Prices in Bristol varied by 15p a gallon yesterday with the Tesco's hypermarket cheapest at 159.6p and the Jet station at Lawrence Hill charging 163.7p. BP four-star at Clifton was 172.6p.

The same price was being charged at a Southampton BP station while the same brand cost only 163.5p at the Gateway hypermarket at Chandlers Ford.

Bomb-test scientists accused of lying

By Michael Horsnell

Evidence that scientists lied over the deadly effects of radiation on servicemen who witnessed Britain's nuclear bomb tests in the mid-fifties is believed to have been uncovered at the Public Record Office at Kew in London.

A confidential telegram in which one scientist seems to urge another to cover up the genetic effects of radiation has been handed to the British Nuclear Tests Veterans' Association. It will use it to press its case for compensation for up to 1,600 alleged radiation victims of the Pacific test blasts.

The document is understood to have been uncovered by a sympathizer seeking evidence among papers on genetics, although it is uncertain whether the telegram, dated July 31, 1956, had been subject to the 30-year rule on public disclosure.

It appears to have been exchanged between scientists at the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, Aldermaston, Berkshire. Referring to a Medical Research Council report into the genetic effects of the tests, it says: "We do not want you to release any statement on genetic effects or on radioactivity or strontium . . . pending the arrival of Penney . . . If you have to, a safer interpretation of the MRC report would be 'has not shown an increase' rather than 'shows an increase'."

The servicemen's lawyers are expected to meet Treasury solicitors soon in an attempt to negotiate compensation for victims.

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NELSON MANDELA COULD BE FREE

If he gives a commitment that he will not make himself guilty of planning, instigating or committing acts of violence for the furtherance of political objectives.

The South African Government's offer:

"The Government is not insensitive to the fact that Mr. Mandela and others have spent a very long time in prison - I am personally not insensitive about this - even though they were duly convicted in open court. The Government is also willing to consider Mr. Mandela's release in the Republic of South Africa on condition that Mr. Mandela gives a commitment that he will not make himself guilty of planning, instigating or committing acts of violence for the furtherance of political objectives..."

State President P.W. Botha, 31st January 1985.

And again: "I made an offer last year which could have set Mr. Nelson Mandela free. The principle involved in this offer was not designed as a particular condition for a particular person. It applies equally to all of us and it is assumed that the principle is subscribed to in all civilised countries of the world. The principle simply proscribes the use of violence to achieve political objectives. Mr. Mandela is therefore, in effect, being jailed by the South African Communist Party and its affiliate, the African National Congress. For obvious reasons, it suits them that he remains in prison".

State President P.W. Botha, 31st January 1986.

The offer has been repeated on numerous subsequent occasions by State President Botha. Several of Mr. Mandela's colleagues have accepted the offer.

Nelson Mandela's response:

"There is no alternative to taking up arms. There is no room for peaceful struggle".

Nelson Mandela in an interview with the Washington Times, on August 22nd, 1985.

"My father and his comrades wish to make this statement to you the people... I am a member of the African National Congress. I have always been a member of the African National Congress and I will remain a member of the African National Congress until the day I die. Oliver Tambo is much more than a brother to me... there is no difference between his views and mine".

Message by Nelson Mandela delivered on his behalf by his daughter Miss Zinzi Mandela, Soweto, 10th February 1985.

The ANC's view:

"Whatever the difficulties, the armed struggle will also rise to higher levels".

Oliver Tambo, President of the African National Congress as quoted in the Morning Star of 25th March 1988.

"We are saying South Africa must bleed and die... let the whole country experience this".

Oliver Tambo, Washington Times, 10th January 1986.

Mrs. Winnie Mandela's view:

"He will never renounce violence".
Africa Now, November 1985

"Together, hand in hand, with our boxes of matches and our necklaces, we shall liberate this country... we have no guns - we have only stones, boxes of matches and petrol".

Winnie Mandela as quoted by Agence France Presse, 13th April 1986.

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Weekend food prices

Luxury eating within reach of every diner

Luxury foods, which only a few years ago were beyond most people's pockets, are now available at quite reasonable prices.

To entertain friends, this weekend, to a lunch of fresh salmon, asparagus and strawberries, would be less of an extravagance than many people might think.

Wild salmon cutlets, for example, have dropped in price to about £5.20 a pound, only about 30p a pound more than the farmed variety.

An even better buy is sea trout, at only around £2.70 a pound. Supplies of all white fish are plentiful and mostly down in price; large cod between £1.40 and £2.45 a pound, haddock £1.20 to £2.70, whiting 95p to £2.40, plaice £1.20 to £2.80 and coley 75p to £1.40.

For a really cheap and delicious barbeque, fresh Portuguese sardines at Billingsgate are £1 a pound.

English asparagus is a wonderful treat and, despite some plant damage by last [illegible] there is plenty at £1.35 to £2 a pound. Supplies of salad ingredients are greatly improved, with top quality tomatoes down to 40-60p a pound and the Dutch beef variety 65p-85p.

Spring onions are 20-40p a bunch, water cress 30-40p and cucumbers 45-55p each, depending on size.

Summer fruits are starting to arrive from the Mediterranean, including nectarines at 15-25p each, apricots 50-75p a pound and peaches 12-32p each.

Italian strawberries at 40-70p a half pound are slightly cheaper than English at 50-95p but all are recommended and, thanks to the development of new varieties, the season is getting longer.

The season is also expanding for another summer favourite, home produced lamb. There are curious price fluctuations, around the country, but expect to pay around £2 for a whole leg and about £1.20 for whole shoulder.

Pork is good value at around £1.07 for whole leg and £1.26 for whole shoulder.

South of England Agricultural Show

European links encouraged

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A £1 million pavilion was officially opened at Ardingly, West Sussex, yesterday by Mrs Ernest Kleinwort, president of the South of England Agricultural Society.

It is named after the late Duke of Norfolk, who was the society's first president, and is expected to become an important regional conference and exhibition centre.

There were large crowds on the first day of show, which attracted more than 100,000 visitors last year. Because of its nearness to the Continent, the organizers have emphasized the importance of good relations with farmers in Europe and there were visitors from France, Belgium, The Netherlands and West Germany.

Today's guest of honour will be Monsieur Jean-Paul Bellinghen, the Belgian ambassador to London, accompanied by Sir Edward Jackson, chairman of the Anglo-Belgian Society and former British ambassador in Brussels.

Cattle, food and drink from Belgium are on display at the show and another Continental touch is provided by the Government's Agricultural and Advisory Service displaying crops, such as sunflowers, widely grown in France.

The society will also honour seven farmworkers from Sussex and Kent today, whose combined service totals nearly 300 years.

Aberdeen Angus: Rashiehall Cherry Bee (Rushmore Pedigree Herds); Reserve, Rawburn Duke (Rushmore Pedigree Herds).

Sussex: Bosham Formidable 1st (Crede Farms Partnership); Reserve, Maplesden Darkey 151st (M H & C J J Reid).

Hereford: Kingsland 1 Orange (Clive Richards); Reserve, Kingsland 1 Destiny (Clive Richards).

Highland: Milis 12th of Douglas (R A Clegg); Reserve, Bachy 3rd Of Douglas (R A Clegg).

Charolais: Mount Pleasant Sabre (F A Turrell); Reserve, De Crespigny Athenie (Rushmore Pedigree Herds).

British Simmental: Hockenhill Simon (C H Carter); Reserve, Revelex Lotti 8th (R Vigus).

British Limousin: Fleethill Vetch (B N Gray); Reserve, Broomhill Brandy (E Beeney & Sons).

British White: Wispers Albion (Dr C L Barran); Reserve, Warwick Belle (Dr C L Barran).

Belgian Blue: Suzy de Biert (R G & J R Osborne); Reserve, Joliette du Stordeur (Mr and Mrs C W Billington).

Ayrshire: Goldstone Imp 54th (John Gray & Sons); Reserve, Pylon Event (Mr and Mrs D R Heasman).

British Friesian: Whitsbury Lady Dilly 110th (Whitsbury Farm & Stud); Reserve, Springbird Mercury Valentine (W D Carr Partnership).

British Holstein: Springby Dekol Nora (W D Carr Partnership). No reserve.

Guernsey: Wield Abbess (Colonel J A de Benham Crosswell); Reserve, Easby Sally Anne (I & A M Waters).

Jersey: Woodhall Distillation (Michael Richards). No reserve.

Dexter: Ypsitzy Jonquil 23rd (Jay King); Reserve, Saltaire Mayfin (Jay King).

● Mr John Gummer, Minister for Agriculture, cancelled his visit yesterday to the first day of the Royal Cornwall Show.

It is the third consecutive year that an agriculture minister has failed to appear at the at the Wadebridge showground because of parliamentary business.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Bank robbers get flight to freedom

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) – Two bank robbers escaped with about £57,000 and three hostages but left behind as a token of thanks about £11,000 in the border town bank they held for nearly a week. The two men released their lone original hostage in a Banco do Brasil office in Goio-Ere, about 600 miles west of Rio, in exchange for free passage to fly to freedom with three volunteer hostages – a pilot, a priest and a nun.

Authorities let them go to the airport where they took off in a small plane with the hostages, their destination unknown. The plane returned to Goio-Ere about 90 minutes later, with only the hostages on board. The plane had earlier touched down on an airstrip only a few miles from the Paraguayan border, fuelling speculation that the robbers would try to flee to Paraguay.

Israel-Soviet talks

New York – The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, meeting for the first time, held talks at the United Nations yesterday which both sides hoped might lead to progress on a number of issues, despite the absence of normal diplomatic relations (Our Correspondent writes).

Mr Shevardnadze was known to want to press Moscow's case for an international peace conference on the Middle East, repeatedly called for by the UN and recently favoured, although conditionally, by the United States but strongly opposed by Mr Shamir. For his part, the Likud leader was eager to discuss the question of Soviet Jewish emigration.

Train blast charges

Moscow – Investigators have started criminal proceedings over the explosion in a goods train packed with explosives that killed 83 people, injured 228 and left 2,000 homeless (Christopher Walker writes). "The government commission is continuing its investigation of the circumstances of the accident," *Pravda* said. "Criminal proceedings have been initiated concerning the explosion. But it is already known that trains carrying explosives passed through Arzamas (the town where the disaster occurred) previously, and that regulations for their composition were not always scrupulously observed." *Pravda* said that the explosion could have been much more serious if the train had blown up a few hundred yards farther on, near some oil installations.

Spacecraft docks

Moscow (Reuter) – A Soyuz spacecraft carrying Bulgaria's second spaceman and two Soviet cosmonauts docked with the orbiting space station Mir yesterday, two days, five hours and 53 minutes after it was launched from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Soviet Central Asia.

The Bulgarian spaceman Alexander Alexandrov, aged 36, was accompanied to Mir, the giant orbiting laboratory, by Soviet cosmonauts Anatoly Solovyov, aged 40, and Viktor Savinykh, aged 48. They are to conduct 46 experiments during their 10-day mission, joining the resident crew of Vladimir Titov and Musa Manarov, who have been on board since December and are expected to try to break the 226-day space endurance record set last year.

Moro suspect held

Geneva (Reuter) – Swiss police have arrested an Italian wanted in Italy in connection with the 1978 kidnapping of Aldo Moro, the Prime Minister who was subsequently murdered, and the killing of his five-man bodyguard. Alvaro Lojacono, who changed his name to Alvaro Baragiola, was seized on Wednesday night in Lugano. Judicial sources in Rome identified him last week as one of two suspected urban guerrillas for whom warrants had been issued on charges of involvement in the Moro case. Until then only seven of the nine-man kidnap squad had been identified.

Zia Cabinet brings back his old guard

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad, and Zahid Hussain in Karachi

President Zia of Pakistan yesterday filled an 18-member caretaker Government with several of his former martial law ministers and some members of the dismissed Cabinet of the former Prime Minister, Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo.

Notable among those who return under General Zia are Sahabzada Yaqub Khan who, as in the past, has been appointed Foreign Minister, and Dr Mahbubul Haq, who also gets his previous martial law portfolio of finance and commerce.

Sahabzada Yaqub, who had been General Zia's senior military colleague in the past, was responsible for negotiations in Geneva on the Afghanistan problem for a number of years.

General Zia has named Mr Muhammad Aslam Khan Khattak, an elderly politician from the Frontier Province, as the senior minister in the caretaker Cabinet, which apparently will be headed by General Zia himself as Prime Minister.

General Zia holds the offices of President and Army Chief of Staff, and as such has been the subject of considerable controversy in political quarters, especially in the opposition outside the defunct National Assembly.

General Zia dismissed Mr Junejo and his Government and dissolved the National Assembly on May 29 on the grounds that they had failed in the past three years to implement his Islamization programme in the country, had been unable to control law and order or check corruption, and had caused economic bankruptcy. Mr Junejo denied all the charges.

The Cabinet includes two former leaders of the main opposition Pakistan People's Party who had joined the Muslim League headed by Mr Junejo. They are Mir Hazar Khan Bijrani and Mir Afzal Khan. Two others, Mr Ahmed Nawaz Bugti and Elahi Baksh Soomro, were members of an independent opposition group in the dissolved National Assembly. The rest are members of the Muslim League.

The Cabinet was announced after a midnight meeting between President Zia and the Pir Mardan Shah of Pagara, a politically powerful senator and saint from Sind, who is Mr Junejo's spiritual mentor.

Political observers feel that a deal has been done between the two, which means President Zia will continue to have Muslim League support, despite his sudden dismissal of its government on charges of ineptness and corruption.

The caretaker Government is expected to stay in office until fresh general elections produce a new assembly.

Light relief at Madrid Nato talks



King Juan Carlos of Spain, right, sharing a joke with Lord Carrington, the outgoing Nato Secretary-General, left, and Senhor João de Deus Pinheiro, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, at the Royal Palace in Madrid. At an informal meeting of Nato foreign ministers here, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday took up the human rights banner raised by President Reagan during the Moscow summit and warned the Warsaw Pact that negotiations on reducing conventional forces in Europe could not go ahead until there had been further progress in this key area (Frederick Bonnart and Michael Evans write).

Sir Geoffrey underlined the important link between the two issues, after increasing signs in Eastern Europe that the human rights question was causing disarray among Moscow's allies. According to diplomatic sources yesterday, Romania in particular is now proving to be stubborn over the possibility of any further human rights reforms. President Ceausescu is understood to have ordered that there should be no more concessions. Czechoslovakia is also said to be worried about the pace of human rights initiatives coming out of Moscow.

With the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty signed and sealed, Nato's priority, Sir Geoffrey said, was to accelerate progress on banning chemical weapons and reducing conventional arms. According to British officials, he told his colleagues that it was important for Nato to get its act together and come up with a conventional force reduction package. The aim, he said, must be to achieve a framework for negotiations with the Warsaw Pact before the summer break, so that talks could begin in the autumn. However, he said that arms control could not bear the full weight of East-West relations. Progress had to be made with human rights.

The main forum for discussions on a whole range of confidence-building measures between the Warsaw Pact, Nato and non-aligned countries is in Vienna at the 35-nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Negotiations to produce a new mandate for real conventional force reductions began in November 1986. But diplomatic sources said that a new problem has arisen because of the refusal by Romania to accept a draft that calls for further liberalization of human rights.

Deported Crimean Tatars win right to go home

From Christopher Walker Moscow

In a classic compromise solution after many public protests, thousands of Crimean Tatars, whose nation was deported en masse by Stalin in 1944, have been granted the right to return to their homeland.

The ruling was delivered by an official commission headed by Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet President, but its report rejected demands by Tatar activists for the restoration of a Crimean autonomous republic on the peninsula, which was absorbed into the Ukraine in 1954. The Gromyko commission was established 11 months ago when Tatar protests reached a climax: 700 of them gathered for an unprecedented 24-hour vigil in Red Square. The demonstration broke up only after the President agreed to meet them and discuss their grievances.

Since then there have been further demonstrations in various parts of the country, including one last weekend when angry Tatars joined Armenians and members of a new Soviet opposition group on an unprecedented protest march through Moscow, which was stopped before it reached the Kremlin. "The relevant authorities have lifted all restrictions on the rights of Crimean Tatars in various ways and guarantee their complete equality with other Soviet citizens in all matters, including the choice of residence, work and study," Tass quoted the commission as saying.

"Taking into account all these circumstances, the commission has reached the conclusion that there are no grounds for establishing a Crimean autonomy."

Some 200,000 Crimean Tatars were forcibly deported from their centuries-old homeland to Central Asia 44 years ago, accused by Stalin of collaborating with the Nazi invaders. Tatars claim that tens of thousands of their people died on the journey.

The Tatars were politically rehabilitated in 1967, but prohibited from returning to the Crimea, which has since been resettled by Ukrainians and Russians. Yesterday's announcement said that the commission had taken into consideration social and demographic changes in the Crimea since the war and noted that the peninsula's population had trebled from 780,000 to nearly 2.5 million.

Diplomats said that the ruling appeared to be an attempt to appease the present population of the area while seeming to satisfy Tatar grievances, which have attracted considerable public sympathy. Tass reported that over the past 12 months, some 2,000 Crimean Tatars had been permitted to return to their former homeland, one of the most fertile regions in the Soviet Union. It claimed that economic development there was being boosted to provide more jobs, while special measures were being taken to develop Tatar culture, language and traditions. It was not clear last night whether the new ruling would promote a mass influx of Crimean Tatars into the peninsula, which as a resort district has special conditions of residence.

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FOOD & DRINK

LOOK

Top of the chocs

AFTERNOON tea wouldn't be the same without chocolate digestives. They are almost an institution: sweet, but not too sweet, and made partly with wholemeal flour, they somehow seem "healthier" than other biscuits.

The British, of course, have always been addicted to biscuits and despite a drop in sales during the late 1970s and early 1980s, when biscuits were criticised for their high fat and sugar content, the market has been described politely as stable, and less politely as staid. Growth over the past five years has been at a steady 3% and according to McVitie's, 98% of households buy biscuits, spending about £1 billion on them every year. The Biscuit, Cake, Chocolate and Confectionery Alliance estimates that we eat some 10kg of biscuits per head per year, an astounding half a packet per person per week.

TRIED & TASTED

Digestives, made from a blend of plain and wholemeal flour, fat and sugar, are the most popular, and according to the BCCCA, account for about 23% of sales with ordinary digestives the market leaders. Chocolate digestives come third, behind cream and jam-filled biscuits. Simon Tuckey, marketing director of McVitie's, says chocolate biscuits are becoming increasingly popular as we become more affluent and demand more luxurious biscuits. McVitie's is still the brand leader, selling just over 95m packets of ordinary digestives a year, and 85.5m packets of the chocolate version.

Newcomers are oatmeal digestives, of which Hob-Nobs were the first, launched by McVitie's in 1984, followed by a chocolate version in 1987. This year, sales are expected to reach £20m (38m packets) for the plain and £21m (31m packets) for the more expensive chocolate version. Burtons launched oatmeal Snapjacks and plain chocolate fruit Snapjacks last year, and supermarkets now sell their own-label oatmeal digestives.

We asked a team of six adults and four children to munch their way through 24 brands of chocolate-coated digestive biscuits (including some of the oatmeal varieties). Each product was awarded a star rating: maximum score, five stars.

Our panel agreed that the biscuit base should have a good crumbly texture, shouldn't be too hard and should have a generous chocolate coating. The opinion was that the plain chocolate biscuits and the oatmeal-based digestives were generally better than the milk chocolate versions. This is mainly because a thin layer of plain chocolate has more flavour than a thin layer of milk chocolate.

Daphne Metland

PICK OF THE SHELF

THE SUNDAY TIMES CHOICE

Milk Chocolate Digestives: McVitie's Homewheat
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MILK CHOCOLATE DIGESTIVES

***** **McVitie's** Milk Chocolate Homewheat (200g/54p). "A good flavour". **** **Peek Freans** Milk Chocolate Digestive (150g/32p). "Tastes rather like shortbread". **Mace Lion** Milk Chocolate Digestive Sweetmeal (300g/59p). "Nice chocolate flavour". *** **Co-op** Milk Chocolate Wheatmeal (300g/49p). "Nice taste but difficult to know if it is meant to be dark or milk chocolate". **Tesco** Economy Milk Chocolate Digestive Sweetmeal Biscuits (400g/65p). "Texture nice but needs more chocolate". **Homebest** Real Milk Chocolate Wheatmeal Biscuit (200g/52p). "Crumbly biscuit base is good". ** **Safeway** Milk Chocolate Digestive Sweetmeal Biscuits (200g/38p). A "thin layer of chocolate on a tasteless biscuit". **Waitrose** Milk Chocolate Digestive Sweetmeal Biscuits (300g/49p). "A bit bland – rather over-cooked biscuit". **Marks & Spencer** Milk Chocolate Digestive Sweetmeal Biscuits (300g/52p). "Mundane". **Sainsbury's** Milk Chocolate Digestive Sweetmeal Biscuits (300g/38p). "Nicely covered but not much flavour".

PLAIN CHOCOLATE DIGESTIVES

***** **Safeway** Plain Chocolate Digestive Sweetmeal Biscuits (200g/38p). "Lots of chocolate", "really nice flavour". **Waitrose** Plain Chocolate Digestive Sweetmeal Biscuits (300g/52p). "Good dark colour", "not too sweet". **Sainsbury's** Plain Chocolate Digestive Sweetmeal Biscuits (200g/38p). "Good chocolate – thicker than most". **** **McVitie's** Plain Chocolate Homewheat (300g/78p). "Like this one, though the biscuit base is rather sweet". **Asda** Plain Chocolate Digestive Sweetmeal Biscuits (200g/38p). "Good taste" with "mellow plain chocolate". *** **Tesco** Real Plain Chocolate Digestive Biscuits (300g/52p). "Texture and flavour quite good". ** **Marks & Spencer** Plain Chocolate Sweetmeal Biscuits (300g/52p). "Quite bland". **Co-op** Plain Chocolate Wheatmeal Biscuits (300g/49p). "Chocolate doesn't have much flavour".

MILK CHOCOLATE OATMEAL DIGESTIVES

***** **McVitie's** Milk Chocolate Hob-Nobs (250g/67p). "A good mixture of wholesomeness and sweetness", "must be Hob-Nobs!". **Sainsbury's** Milk Chocolate Rustics (250g/53p). "Good crunchy base" with "plenty of oats", "nice biscuit base and plenty of chocolate". **** **Burtons** Snapjacks, Milk Chocolate Oatflake Biscuits (250g/64p). "Interesting base; is it malty?"

PLAIN CHOCOLATE OATMEAL DIGESTIVES

***** **McVitie's** Plain Chocolate Hob-Nobs (250g/67p). "Rich flavour", "crumbly texture", "my favourite!", "oaty base not crisp enough for me". **** **Sainsbury's** Plain Chocolate Rustics (250g/53p). "Good crunchy texture", "biscuit very nice but overpowers the chocolate". ** **Burtons** Plain Chocolate Snapjacks (250g/64p). "Quite crunchy", "almost hard".

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On Sunday 29 May, the Sunday Times published the results of an independent taste test.

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Oil-rich Arab states agree to finance Palestinian uprising

From A Correspondent, Algiers

The Palestine Liberation Organization was reported yesterday as having won large cash subsidies from the oil-rich Arab states to support the six-month-old uprising in Israel's occupied territories.

According to Associated Press, quoting sources at the Arab summit in Algiers yesterday, ministers agreed to pay the PLO in excess of $100 million (£55 million) a year.

The matter was discussed discreetly because Mr Yassir Arafat's organization was trying not to be seen as begging for financial support, as well as being eager not to hurt the sensitivities of Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states.

After three days of inter-Arab discussions, the 22 Arab states reiterated their support for the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinians and gave their full backing to the *intifada* (uprising) in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

However, they fell short of proposing a new initiative to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict. The decision taken in Algiers refers to resolutions that were made at the Arab summit in Fez in 1982. There the Arab countries called for the creation of an independent Palestinian state on the territories now occupied by Israel.

Mr Arafat's position at Algiers was also strengthened by a message he received from the Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, on the eve of the summit. It said there was "no other organization than the PLO that can represent the Palestinians".

King Husain of Jordan referred to the initiative put forward by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State. Unlike Mr Arafat, he did not reject it. The King said the Shultz initiative "continued to be a subject of dialogue", but denied any intention by Jordan of representing the Palestinians at an international conference.

Mr Arafat called on the Arabs to "block the way to American plans and confront American pressures". Considering the US as "a party in the confrontation against the PLO", the Palestinian leader said the Shultz plan "can only salvage Israel from the uprising of the Palestinian people".

President Chadli of Algeria, who hosted the summit at the request of Mr Arafat and managed the difficult task of bringing together 18 heads of state known for their divergences, said "the Palestinian uprising had accelerated the realization of the idea of the international conference".

The Arabs' position on that conference remains unchanged, since they called for it at the summit in Amman last November. They insist on the participation of the PLO as a separate delegation, or alternately as part of an Arab team. The Arab leaders also believe that the conference should have effective powers and convene with the participation of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

Moroccan talks: Algeria and Morocco have held their first summit since renewing diplomatic ties last month after a 12-year break, the Algerian news agency APS said yesterday (Reuter reports). King Hassan of Morocco and President Chadli met on Wednesday night.

● **JERUSALEM:** A Palestinian aged 17 was killed and at least one other Arab youth wounded when Israeli troops fired to break up demonstrations called yesterday to mark both the start of the *intifada* in the occupied territories six months ago and the Arab League summit in Algiers.

Joyful Dukakis heads for his home turf

From Charles Bremner
Boston

Jubilation is not in the repertoire of Mr Michael Dukakis. But the cautious Governor of Massachusetts undid his famous button-down shirt as he flew home to Boston with the Democratic nomination wrapped up earlier than in any campaign since 1972.

It was not just the zing of victory in California that had him bantering in the aisle of his campaign jet. Mr Dukakis was brightening up with the prospect of getting back to his beloved Kitty, who underwent a serious neck operation in Boston last week.

Hear Mr Dukakis talk about his wife and you would think him a moonstruck teenager. "The past week has brought home to me more than ever just what my family means," he tells every crowd before he gets on to issues.

Until he brought her home, hand-in-hand, from the Massachusetts General Hospital yesterday, Mr Dukakis had to work hard to disguise his gloominess from the voters. "He just doesn't like being without her," said one of his travelling staff. "It's touching and it's funny because they are such absolute opposites."

An emotional Mrs Dukakis said doctors had told her to stay away from the campaign until the party convention in Atlanta late next month. The showy devotion of the oddly-matched couple — she is extrovert, moody, and taller — is the incongruous trait in the otherwise dour Dukakis persona.



Sweet and sour: An ebullient Mr Dukakis at Boston's state house with a serious-looking President Arias of Costa Rica yesterday. Señor Arias received an honorary Harvard degree.

With the prospect of coming home, Mr Dukakis was reminiscing about 1960, the last time a Massachusetts man clinched the party nomination in California.

Jack Kennedy was a hero then for the student Michael Dukakis who went to Los Angeles with his friend Mr Paul Brountas, now his campaign chairman. "It was a wonderful time," he said. He also learnt some of the realities of politics from the way that Lyndon Johnson, the Senate insider, was picked to run with the young Bostonian.

"We went to see *Psycho*. We travelled around California and Mexico for about $200 a week staying in cheap places ... Latin America was 10 ft off the ground over Kennedy even at the nomination."

America's backyard is the first place where Mr Dukakis aims to put his ideals into action as President — a point he emphasized again yesterday when President Arias of Costa Rica visited him at the Massachusetts state house, where he was back at work as if nothing else happened this week.

The candidate, as uncharismatic as they come in his shabby suit and clumpy brogues, thinks he is still a long way from Camelot. "I wouldn't sell George Bush short if I were you," he said. "I think there's a desire for change out there but it's so early it's meaningless. Anything can happen."

● *WASHINGTON:* **President Reagan has promised to do everything he can to help elect Mr Bush as his successor, and has attacked Mr Dukakis for painting a false picture of an unhealthy economy (Michael Binyon writes).**

***Within a day of Mr Dukakis* clinching the Democratic nomination, Mr Reagan accused him of distorting reality on the economy. "You know, if I listen to him long enough I would be convinced that we are in an economic downturn, and that people are homeless, and people are going without food and medical attention, and that we have got to do something about the unemployed."**

Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, is expected to leave his post soon to head the Bush campaign. Administration sources said that the top contender to replace him is Mr Nicholas Brady, who headed a presidential task force investigating the October stock market crash.

Nightmare of kidnapped Jews in Beirut

From Robert Fisk, west Beirut

When they found Ibrahim Benesti's body, it was clear that he had been tortured. The Lebanese coroner's report noted coldly that boiling water or acid had been poured on to his skin. There were traces of cigarette burns as final proof that Mr Benesti's kidnappers had turned his last months into agony.

Even today his friend, Joseph Mizrahi, shakes with emotion when he speaks of it. Lebanon's Jews have paid a nightmarish price for their nationality — or their religion — in these past four years.

"One thing I insist you say — all the three bodies we have recovered were tortured. I have the coroner's reports. They were all tortured before being killed," Mr Mizrahi said.

He is a thoughtful, highly educated man who does not

They put me in the back of the car and blindfolded me

easily yield to dramatic words or gestures. He is a businessman now in east Beirut who prefers to avoid publicity.

A few days ago, however, he dutifully called on President Gemayel to ask him to do what he could for those of his country's nine kidnapped Jews still alive. In reality — as Mr Mizrahi must know — there is little help Mr Gemayel can offer to Lebanon's smallest religious community.

There are perhaps 100 Jews left here, which means that the "Organization of Oppressed on Earth" effectively kidnapped almost a tenth of the Jewish community. Three of the nine are known to have been murdered and there are fears for most of the other six. One of them, including Mr Isaac Sassoon, the head of the community, telephoned twice after he was abducted on the Beirut Airport road in 1985.

Another, Dr Elie Hallak, cared for French hostages captured by the Hezbollah. The tormentors of Lebanon's Jews must therefore include pro-Iranian Hezbollah members, despite their grandiose title. Dr Hallak's "execution" was later announced by his kidnappers. Nothing more has been heard of Mr Sassoon.

Mr Mizrahi, who is now acting head of the community here, was himself the first Jewish kidnap victim in Beirut. He was also the luckiest because he was the only abducted Jew to be freed. He recalled the event, on February 8, 1984, two days after the Lebanese Army broke apart in west Beirut, with a clarity undiminished by the four years that have passed since.

"My wife and I had been living in Paris and had returned to our house in west Beirut. One evening three men came and said they were from the PSP (the Druze Progressive Socialist Party) and that their 'chief' wanted to see me. The Druze were not our enemies and I was not at first worried. But I later came to realize they must have been from Amal (the Shia Muslim militia controlled by Mr Nabih Berri).

"They told me to take my car — it was raining so hard I could hardly see — then later they put me in the back and blindfolded me. They took me to a secondary school in Bourj el-Barajneh and next day told me I was a prisoner. I never knew why they kidnapped me. I was well treated.

"They put a man in with me who pretended to be a prisoner and said he didn't like Amal. I did not say anything. One Shia guard told me he was about to get married, so I took off my wedding ring and gave it to him. He thanked me. Why not give it to him, I asked myself? After all, he was getting married — he would need the ring. Later I met the interrogator. We had cigarettes. He said there was no problem. They even drove me home, and later my kidnappers called round to my house for coffee."

Mr Mizrahi smiled easily at the recollection. But his smile did not last long. His brother Raoul was the next victim, and he died within hours of his abduction, apparently of a heart attack, as he was taken through the streets in the boot of a car. Then came the nearest west Beirut ever had to a pogrom against its few Jews.

Gunmen called at Jewish homes; three were taken in one day and Mr Mizrahi immediately called a meeting of the remaining 34 in his office. "I told them they were all candidates for kidnapping, and that day almost all of them crossed to the east with me under armed escort.

"There were those who would not leave. One told me he had spent so long in his home in Wadi Abu Jamil that he could not go now. He said his Shia friends were 'brothers' to him, that he was safe there. So he stayed and then he, too, was kidnapped. They tortured him before he was murdered. At first, I think there was nothing religious in all this. I was kidnapped because I was Jewish, but things changed later. It was because of Khomeini. This

I hope a few will come back. I did because I had hope

was bound to happen when Ayatollah Khomeini came to power in Iran."

Mr Mizrahi does not share the opinion that the Israeli invasion of 1982 effectively ended the safety of any Jews in west Beirut, because they were automatically associated with the invaders. But he acknowledges the connection.

"I had an employee who was a Shia and whose son was killed by the Israelis in the south of Lebanon," Mr Mizrahi says. "Our relations were then not as good as before."

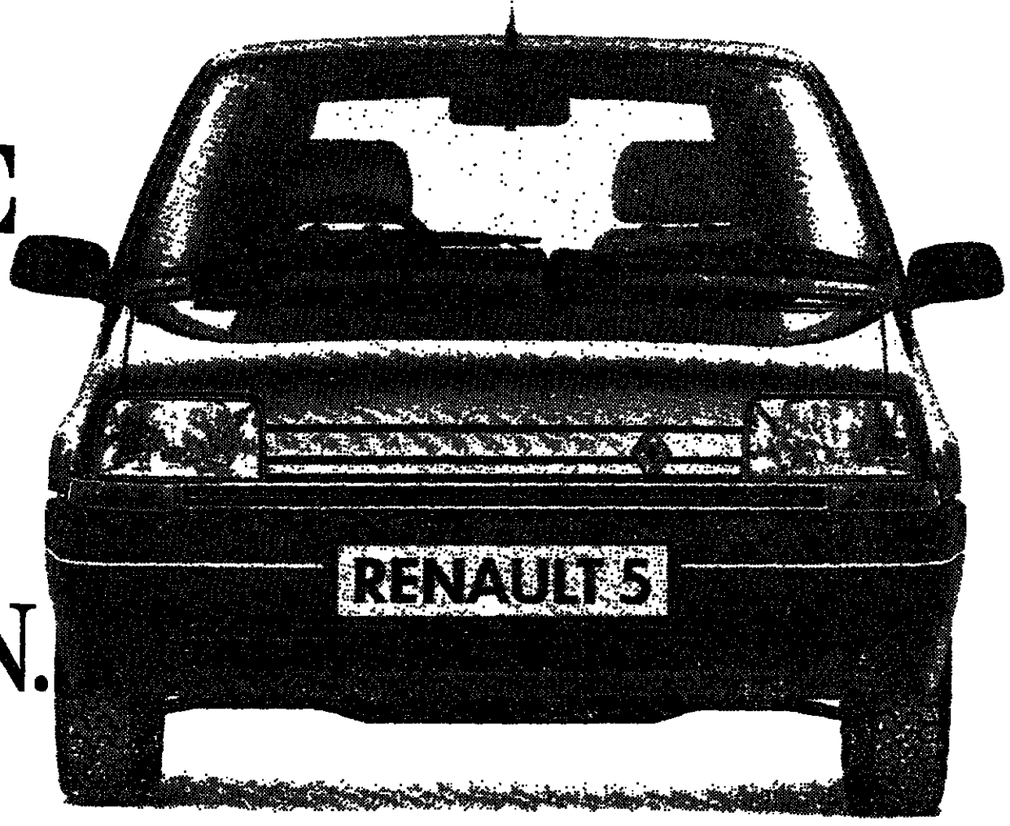
There were between 400 and 450 Jews in Lebanon in 1982, three of them in Sidon and the rest in Beirut. The Sidon Jews left when the Israelis withdrew, ending centuries of Jewish habitation in the city. And three-quarters of the Beirut Jews then left Lebanon.

The 10 synagogues in west Beirut and the old synagogue in the Sidon *souk* have no worshippers now. The Jews of Lebanon have no rabbi. Will their community simply die out?

"Things change," says Mr Mizrahi. "If there is peace, I hope a few will come back. I left, but then I came back because I had hope."

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Kohl's Thatcher-style reforms under fire

From Richard Owen, Bonn

Anglo-German ties may be looking up at last after a period of coolness. It was announced here yesterday that Chancellor Kohl of West Germany and Mrs Thatcher will meet at Chequers on July 9.

Herr Helmut Kohl is not known among European leaders for his close ties with Mrs Thatcher, widely seen here as "efficient but too harsh". But as he prepares for the annual congress of the troubled Christian Democrats (CDU) in Wiesbaden next week, he is encountering difficulties which Mrs Thatcher would find familiar.

He is under fire not only from the opposition Social Democrats but also from West Germany's participant bishops for seeking to create "an egotistical society". Even some of Herr Kohl's Free Democrat (FDP) allies in the centre-right coalition are unhappy about his proposed reforms of the tax and social welfare system.

The Government says it needs more cash – partly to reduce the budget deficit, partly to pay increased contributions to EEC coffers, partly to absorb refugees from the East, but above all to regenerate industry. Critics say the scheme will widen the gap between the rich and the less well off.

Combined with reforms of the health service and the postal monopoly, the *Bundespost*, the much-debated Kohl plan amounts to a very limited version of Thatcher-style "restructuring". Yet even these modest proposals face resistance. "The tax reform is already a shadow of its former self," a businessman attending a closing trade fair in Cologne told me. "It is not even a reform any more."

One senior Western diplomat in Bonn said: "Kohl is constrained by coalition politics. But on a deeper level he and all West German politicians operate in a society which dislikes any radical change. One legacy of Nazism is a fear of anything which even remotely suggests a departure from the postwar consensus."

Die Welt yesterday reminded West German parties that, under the 1949 Constitution, they must work "in accordance with the political will of the people *(Volk)*".

Six years after he came to power, Herr Kohl still dominates the coalition, through sheer physical presence if not intellectual brilliance. Despite his rather stolid style, he is facing the fact – still not fully appreciated elsewhere in Europe – that the steam has gone out of the *Wirtschaftswunder*, the German economic miracle. Germans remain prosperous. But there is an underlying long-term malaise. The annual growth rate is down to 2 per cent and could fall further, and VAT may have to rise.

All this comes at a time when the CDU is going through a crisis of morale after a series of batterings in regional elections. The party is still binding its wounds after last month's poll in Schleswig-Holstein, when it lost its majority to the Social Democrats after 34 years in power, largely because of a scandal involving the suicide in mysterious circumstances of the former CDU regional Prime Minister, Dr Uwe Barschel.

Impending changes in the leadership of the FDP (Liberals) could boost the flagging coalition. If – or when – Herr *Martin Bangemann*, the current FDP leader and Economics Minister, goes to Brussels as an EEC Commissioner at the end of the year, his most likely successor is Count Otto Lambsdorff, who is closer to Herr Kohl.

Yet Herr Kohl still lacks the authority of his predecessors as Chancellor, and tends to allow squabbling ministers in his fragile coalition to fight it out. "The coalition is becoming more unworkable," one CDU supporter said.

The tax reform is certain to cause further dissension at next week's congress. This week saw a skirmish between Herr Kohl and several of the country's powerful CDU regional prime ministers, including Herr Ernst Albrecht of Lower Saxony and Herr Lothar Späth of Baden-Württemberg.

The regions *(Länder)* have complicated the picture by linking tax reforms to social security, or *Sozialhilfe*. At present 80 per cent of unemployment benefit is paid by the *Länder* rather than by Bonn.

Representatives from the regions make up the *Bundesrat*, or second chamber in the Parliament. Recent regional election losses have reduced the CDU's *Bundesrat* majority, so that Herr Kohl has little choice but to listen to his regional prime ministers and pay heed to their demand that Bonn should contribute at least half to social security payouts.

His dilemma is that this can be done only by raising taxes even further, thus enraging those who oppose even the modest tax proposals to be put to the vote in Parliament in early July.

Bonn – The West German Chancellor, Herr Helmut Kohl, yesterday said there was a "new dynamism" in East-West relations following the Moscow summit (Richard Owen writes). He said Bonn had made a "decisive contribution" to improving the climate. Herr Khol, who is to visit Moscow from October 24 to 26, said his talks with Mr Gorbachov would "open a gate and shape the future" and he called for close co-operation between Bonn and the Warsaw Pact nations.



In trouble on several fronts: Chancellor Kohl at his press conference in Bonn yesterday.

Paris talks will focus on trade and economics

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

In a brief visit to Paris today, Mrs Thatcher is expected to stick to a largely economic agenda in her meetings with President Mitterrand and the newly appointed Prime Minister, M Michel Rocard.

With all eyes fixed firmly on the seven-nation Toronto summit later this month, the discussions are likely to range over such issues as protectionism and the liberalization of international trade, the future of the European Monetary System and the implications for Western Europe of the Reagan-Gorbachov summit.

In the wake of President Mitterrand's declaration on Wednesday that France is to offer the world's poorest nations the chance to wipe out up to a third of their debts to his Government, Mrs Thatcher may also be asked to consider offering substantial concessions on repayment timetables and prevailing rates of interest for similar debts which are owed to Britain.

President Mitterrand's proposal, the first important initiative to emerge from the Elysée Palace since he was re-elected in May, has been formally conveyed to other Western leaders.

Observers here see it as a bold attempt to put France in the driving seat as the discussions at Toronto turn to a subject which has assumed enormous significance in the international financial community (and which is one of the French President's particular interests).

As commentators here have acknowledged, President Mitterrand's plan – apparently intended as one of a number of options for dealing with a sensitive and complex problem – is not dissimilar to the proposals made by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, last year.

M Mitterrand's deep concern over the issue was underlined by his observation that "it has never been so urgent and so necessary to help the Third World countries, since the chasm between rich and poor never ceases to widen".

M Mitterrand is unlikely to miss the opportunity to remind Mrs Thatcher of France's unconcealed desire to see sterling within the European Monetary System, a subject that will certainly be near the top of the agenda for the EEC summit in Hanover at the end of June.

The two leaders should be on somewhat easier ground when it comes to matters of defence: the regular high-level contacts between British and French government delegations are considered by both sides to have contributed significantly to a much improved atmosphere of co-operation.

With Mrs Thatcher due to return to London tomorrow evening, President Mitterrand will be free to apply himself to the closing stages of the French parliamentary elections.

After a week of intensive political manoeuvring by the mainstream parties on the left and the right, the general expectation is that the Socialists should manage to secure an adequate working majority in the National Assembly.

Although opinion polls are banned during the final phase of campaigning, the findings of an exit poll taken during last Sunday's opening round of voting, quoted in *The Wall Street Journal* yesterday, suggest that M Mitterrand's party could end up with about 310 of the 577 seats, against about 260 for the combined forces of the right. It predicts that the Communists will retain no more than seven of their previous 35 National Assembly deputies.

But M Jean-Marie Le Pen's extreme right-wing National Front is expected to lose every one of its 32 representatives in the last Parliament.

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Somali rebels poised to seize besieged city

From Andrew Buckoke, Nairobi

The besieged northern Somali capital of Hargeisa could soon fall to rebels, evacuated foreign aid workers said yesterday. They said the Somali National Movement rebels controlled the water supply and the roads out of the city after savage fighting.

The airstrip is too small for a big reinforcement of the army garrison, even if it is still secure, according to the evacuees.

Although an initial surprise attack on army headquarters and other central installations on Tuesday morning last week was repulsed, house to house fighting was continuing when the last of the 160 evacuees were flown out by a UN chartered aircraft at the weekend, with the army using tanks and bazookas against suspected rebel positions.

Unburied bodies are increasing the threat of cholera

A French hospital technician said he saw 21 summary executions of suspected rebels behind his house. At least 1,000 army casualties had been brought into the hospital, while he estimated that thousands of civilians injured from the city's population of around 100,000 – most of whom sympathize with the rebels – were afraid to seek treatment in case of reprisals. He described it as "a war without prisoners".

The absence of clean water and the unburied bodies threaten a cholera epidemic in the town, while the 200,000 refugees from Ethiopia in camps in the north are equally at risk. They depended on food, water and medical supplies trucked in by aid agencies, which the fighting and the withdrawal of relief workers have halted.

Twenty-five Britons were among about 50 expatriates who arrived here on Wednesday on a Somali Airlines flight from Mogadishu, following the Somali Government's ultimatum that the 160 expatriates evacuated from Hargeisa should either return to northern Somalia or leave the country.

One of the British party said none of them was injured, "apart from one who fell off a motorbike and one who trod on a scorpion". They confirmed that five Indians had been killed, apparently when a shell landed on their house, and reported almost continuous gunfire in and around the city. Both sides appeared to be trying to avoid hitting the expatriates, but there were inevitable stray hits.

One of the Britons said: "No way would I go back, and we've got all our possessions, including a personal car, up there." An Irish evacuee said: "Give me a house in Belfast, anywhere peaceful like that."

The Somali ultimatum was apparently designed to reinforce the Government's weekend statement that all was back to normal in the north after "suicidal terrorist attacks".

The rebels have claimed to have taken Hargeisa and several other towns, including Berbera, where the United States retains mothballed naval facilities, and to control much of the north. But Western diplomats and aid agencies, for whom most of the evacuees work, believe that most of Hargeisa, including the airport, and Berbera remain in government hands. The town of Burau, east of Hargeisa, may have been recaptured after falling to the rebels last week.

The people of northern Somalia, formerly a British colony, have long resented what they see as political domination and economic disadvantage at the hands of the Government in Mogadishu, in what was the southern, Italian colony.

The timing of the rebel offensive indicates its desperation following the withdrawal of Ethiopian support. Under an agreement to resume diplomatic relations and remove troops from border areas, signed in April, the Ethiopian and Somali Governments promised to end their support for rebel movements in each other's countries. Ethiopian support for Somali rebels was matched by Somali support for the Western Somali Liberation Front in the Ogaden.

The timing of the offensive indicates rebel desperation

The two countries had been in a technical state of war, with frequent border incidents, since the Ethiopians repelled the Somali invasion of the Ogaden in 1978.

The Somalis view Ethiopian control of the Ogaden, populated by ethnic Somalis, as a colonial legacy. But the economic drain on a country of 6 million people of maintaining an army capable of resisting the Ethiopians eventually forced them to negotiate.

The Somali rebels' last ditch attempt to take control of the north may falter as it runs out of ammunition and other equipment and the Army regroups, even if there is, as the movement claims, a popular uprising on its side.

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Ex-ministers' arrest over arms adds to Fiji tension

From Humphrey Hawksley in Suva and Christopher Morris in Sydney

The Fijian police yesterday picked up two more leaders of the Indian-dominated opposition group as they continued their investigations into a shipment of weapons and military equipment found in this South Pacific state in the past week.

The shipment and the arrest and charging of more than 20 Fijian Indians has sent fresh rumblings of instability through the country, which after two coups and a sharp exit from the Commonwealth, is attempting to patch itself up with a new constitution.

Indian leaders have attacked attempts to link them with the arms cache, while Fijians have branded the Indians they believe responsible as "hoodlums, thugs and murderers".

A police spokesman said the two men were under suspicion for allegedly conspiring to smuggle arms into Fiji illegally. They are Mr Navin Maharaj, former Trade and Tourism Minister in the Indian-dominated Government toppled last year in the first military coup, and Mr Mahendra Chaundry, former Finance Minister.

"We are committed to democracy and do not believe in the force of arms," said the former Foreign Minister, Mr Khrishna Datt, questioned for 33 hours but released on Tuesday.

The deposed Indian Prime Minister, Dr Timoci Bavadra, also condemned "in the strongest terms" any attempt to link the coalition with the arms shipments. "We are totally opposed to the use of violent means to resolve the present political crisis in our country," he said.

The search for the weapons followed the discovery by the Australian authorities of a similar consignment late last month in a ship in Sydney bound for Fiji. The arms recovered here were both new and second-hand and included 107 Soviet-made AK 47 automatic rifles, with 46,000 rounds of ammunition, four heavy machine guns, 10 rocket launchers and other items of military equipment and uniforms.

Against a Fijian Army of less than 6,000 men, the weapons could have done much to start a bloody round of communal violence between the Fijian and Indian communities here. While most of the Indian community appears to be waiting out the largely confidential deliberations on the constitution, the Fijian nationalist movement, known as the Taukei, has reacted strongly over the arms discovery. In a controversial statement referring to the Indian community, it said: "How dare this pathetic, shameless, thick-skinned and insensitive bunch of hoodlums, thugs and murderers ever imagine it can take over this sacred and most precious piece of land?"

It is difficult to gauge the strength of the Taukei movement. Its influence was at its highest in May last year when Colonel, now Brigadier Sitiveni Rabuka, seized power five weeks after a general election won by the predominantly Indian coalition. The Taukei is also believed to have acted as the main pressure group for the second coup in September. This saw Fiji leave the Commonwealth, and all remaining leaders of the toppled government leave the fragile power-sharing structure which had been set up.

But at the same time, Brigadier Rabuka, held up as a hero by the Taukei, was realizing the complexities of his vision of Fijian nationalism, particularly with the destructive but unforeseen effect his coups had had on foreign relations, overseas aid and the economy.

He asked the veteran politicians back with the Fijian chieftain, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, who had led the Government since independence in 1970, as Prime Minister. The two men are said not to get on very well.

The country on the surface remains peaceful. The military is a power in government, but troops are not seen on the streets. Fijians and Indians are often seen laughing and mixing together in public. Underneath, though, things appear grimmer. One employer said there was deep suspicion between his Indian and Fijian staff. "Many of my Indians have left," he said.

Moreover, Brigadier Rabuka's deadline of December next year for a new constitution and the holding of fresh elections may not be met. Eighteen months is a long time in Fiji's recent troubled history.

Sydney – Two unidentified white journalists were taken in a lorry to Suva police headquarters for questioning yesterday after being detained when two ethnic Indian former ministers were seized in a raid on trade union headquarters (Our Correspondent writes). Meanwhile, four television teams from Australia and New Zealand were deported from Fiji after being refused entry and detained at the airport.

Church haven for race case mother



Mrs Glenda Brawley – involved in a tangled case of racism and sexual assault which has polarized blacks and whites in New York – being supported by her lawyer, Mr Alton Maddox, left, and the Rev Al Sharpton, a black activist, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in New York, where she took sanctuary to avoid arrest for contempt of court.

On Monday Mrs Brawley defied a court order to appear before a grand jury investigating claims by her 16-year-old daughter, Tawana, of being sexually assaulted by six white men. A judge sentenced Mrs Brawley to 30 days in jail and fined her $250 (about £140). After Mrs Brawley sought religious asylum at the church in the Queens district, $700 was stolen from her apartment, police said yesterday. It was the latest twist in the Tawana Brawley case, a six-month-old mystery riddled with allegations of racism and cover-up but few hard facts.

After disappearing for four days last November, Tawana Brawley was found lying dazed in a plastic bag in Wappingers Falls, 95 miles north of New York city. Her hair had been shorn, animal excrement had been smeared on her body, and racial epithets scrawled on her torso. The girl said she had been abducted and sexually assaulted by six white men, one of whom had flashed a police-like badge.

But since then neither Miss Brawley nor her family has co-operated with investigators or made public more details, prompting suspicion of her claims.

A grand jury was convened, but none of the accusers would testify, though friends and neighbours talked to investigators. Mr Robert Abrams, New York's Attorney General, has said that, unless the Brawleys co-operated, "we'll have to start winding down the investigation".

Missile threat to Olympic Games flights

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

The United States has voiced grave concern about a recent deployment of surface-to-air missiles in North Korea which could threaten aircraft arriving in Seoul for the Olympic Games in September.

Mr Frank Carlucci, the US Defence Secretary, said yesterday that he could not rule out the possibility of an attempt by North Korea to disrupt the Games, in view of its past record of aggressive behaviour and terrorist attacks. The introduction of the advanced Soviet-made SA 5 missiles close to the border had increased its offensive posture, he said.

"They are a matter of serious concern to us, and we have raised the issue with several governments, including the Soviet Union," he said.

Mr Carlucci, speaking at the end of a security meeting with South Korean defence chiefs, said the US had taken "the necessary steps" to counter external threats to South Korea, but declined to elaborate.

A senior military source said four missile launchers had been sited 40 miles north of the demilitarized zone between the two Koreas within the past two months. Seoul and its international airport 30 miles farther south were well within their range of 200 miles.

"One hopes the North Koreans would never contemplate using them against civilian aircraft, and that they are merely an intimidatory gesture, but one can never be sure with these people," he said.

"They could be there to deter or even shoot down American surveillance aircraft, but the significant factor in view of the Olympics is that they are most effective against slower-moving aircraft. They are state-of-the-art weapons. A fighter plane might confuse them by chucking out chaff, but a civilian airliner would be a sitting duck."

A State Department official accompanying Mr Carlucci said Washington was alarmed by what he termed the shrillness of rhetoric flowing from Pyongyang. "There is the worrying possibility that they may shoot down an aircraft on the pretext of it violating their air space, in order to create an incident."

A joint communiqué issued after the security consultations said that North Korea's "strengthened surprise attack capability" posed a serious threat to South Korea.

The principal dangers came from the new missile system, increased military production facilities and a potential chemical weapons threat.

The two sides also paid special attention to a recent trend towards closer military co-operation between Pyongyang and Moscow, and discussed various military efforts to counter it.

With regard to the Olympics, they had agreed to improve surveillance and early warning systems, increase exchanges of information on terrorists, and take various other security measures, "as appropriate".

Officials have already confirmed that a carrier battle group from the US Seventh Fleet will be cruising in Korean coastal waters during the Games.

Mr Carlucci concluded that every possible measure had been taken to safeguard the Games. "The South Koreans have done their planning and training well, and I am confident they have looked at all the contingencies. I think we will see a safe and successful Olympics."

A more immediate threat of political violence is posed by thousands of students who plan to penetrate the DMZ today for a "reunification" meeting with North Korean students in the truce village of Panmunjom. The Government has banned the gathering, and deployed combat police around university campuses.

President Roh Tae Woo has tried to reduce tensions by saying that he favoured student exchange visits for political discussions and sports meetings. However, he said such projects, and moves to resume a dialogue with Pyongyang, should be arranged by his Government.



Mr Carlucci: Soviet Union told of Washington fears.

Heart disease fear

Geneva (Reuter) – The World Health Organization launched a campaign against an emerging epidemic of heart attacks in the Third World. Experts from 17 nations urged developing states to help their populations reduce fat, salt, alcohol and tobacco intake. They said hypertension was expected to account for 15 to 25 per cent of all deaths in the Third World by the year 2,000.

Epidemic ends

Peking (AP) – A four-month hepatitis epidemic in Shanghai has ended after a reported 311,938 cases, including 30 deaths. The spread of hepatitis has also been brought under control in Jiangsu province.

Rebels jailed

Nuoro (Reuter) – A Sardinian court jailed two men and acquitted nine others on charges arising from kidnappings and killings claimed by [illegible] Armed Sardin-

Family flees

Bonn – Herr Klaus Grutzmacher, a member of the East German trade mission in Düsseldorf, has defected with his wife and son.

Travel strike

Madrid – Strikes by railway workers and petrol station employees today are expected to restrict travel in Spain.

Crash deaths

Zermatt (Reuter) – A Swiss helicopter crashed near here, killing all six people on board.

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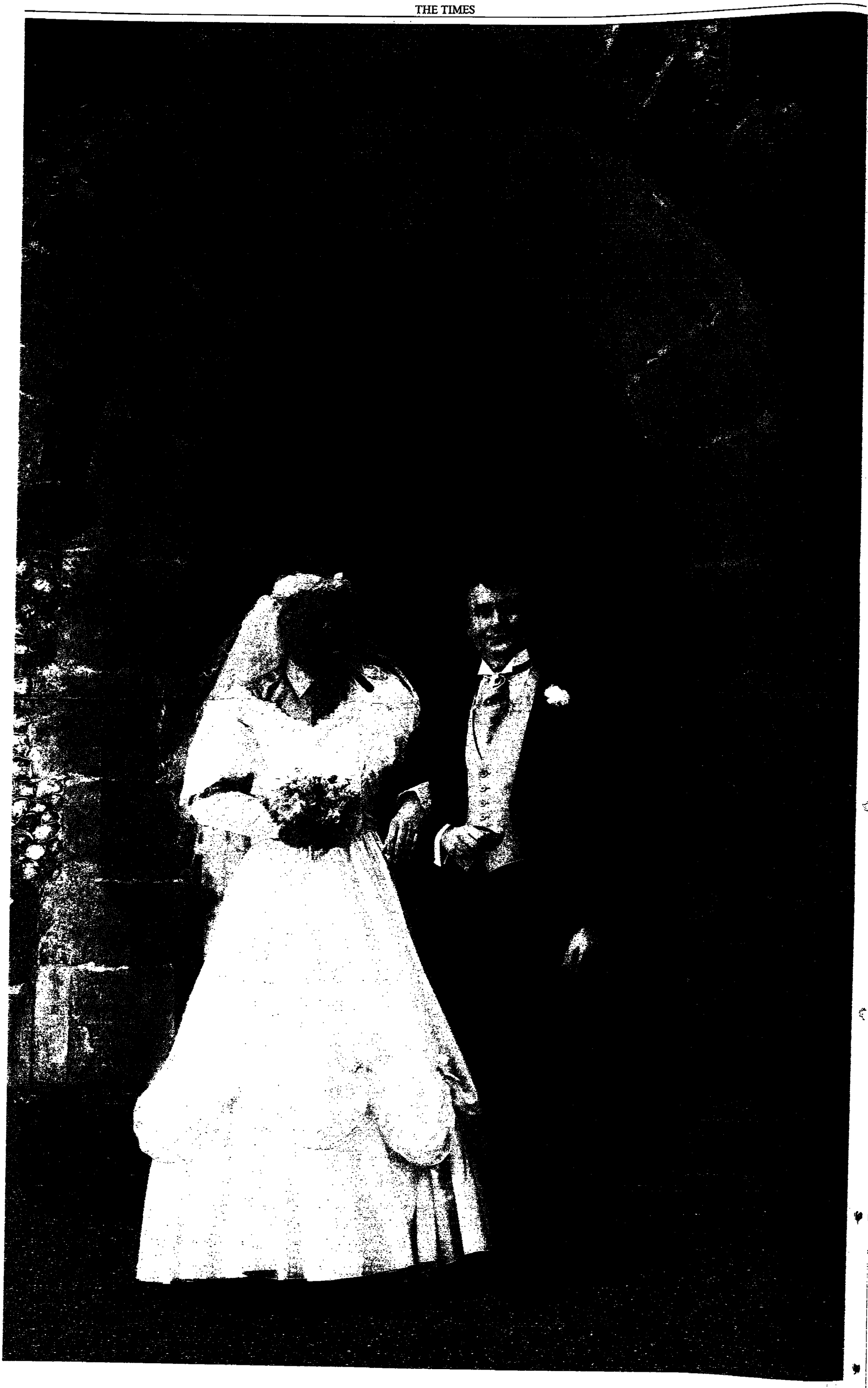
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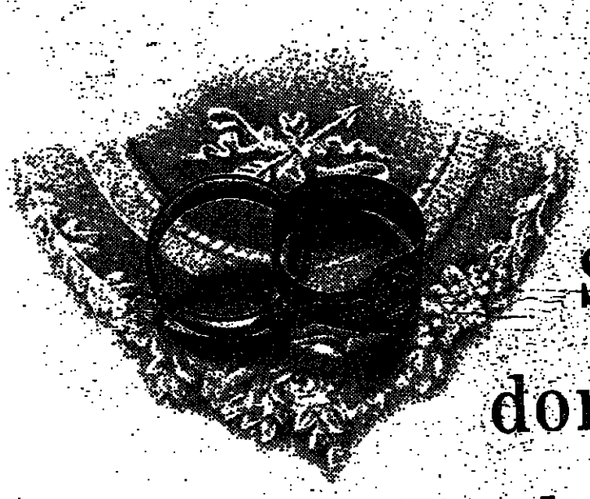
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Thatcher accused of 'waffling' over plight of low paid

Mrs Thatcher was told during question time exchanges over the plight of the low paid that her "waffling" reflected not only on her lack of compassion but on her integrity as Prime Minister.

Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, asked Mrs Thatcher whether, in the light of reports by the Low Pay Unit and the Child Poverty Action Group, she still believed that everyone had benefited from increased prosperity over the past eight years.

Mrs Thatcher said that she had briefly seen summaries of the reports. Low income family statistics published in May for 1981, 1983 and 1985 confirmed that people at all levels of income had been getting better off.

Those on lower incomes were doing better than the population in general with far fewer pensioners, in proportional terms, in the lower income group (Conservative cheers).

Mr Hattersley: That answer, as anticipated, dealt with the period before 1986.

Would she bring her own figures up to date and confirm

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that this year more than a million families would be worse off by more than £3 a week as a result of the combined impact of the Budget and the social security changes and that more than seven million households were about to see their standard of living fall?

Mrs Thatcher said that the latest year referred to in CPAG figures was 1985 and related strictly to the outdated method of supplementary benefit, whereas we were now on a wholly new benefit. With regard to the new benefits, 88 per cent of people would get either the same or an improved rate of benefit. There were some on lower benefit.

Mr Hattersley: That answer may or may not be accurate — (Conservative protests and laughter) — but it suffers from the minor deficiency to being the answer to a quite different question (Labour cheers).

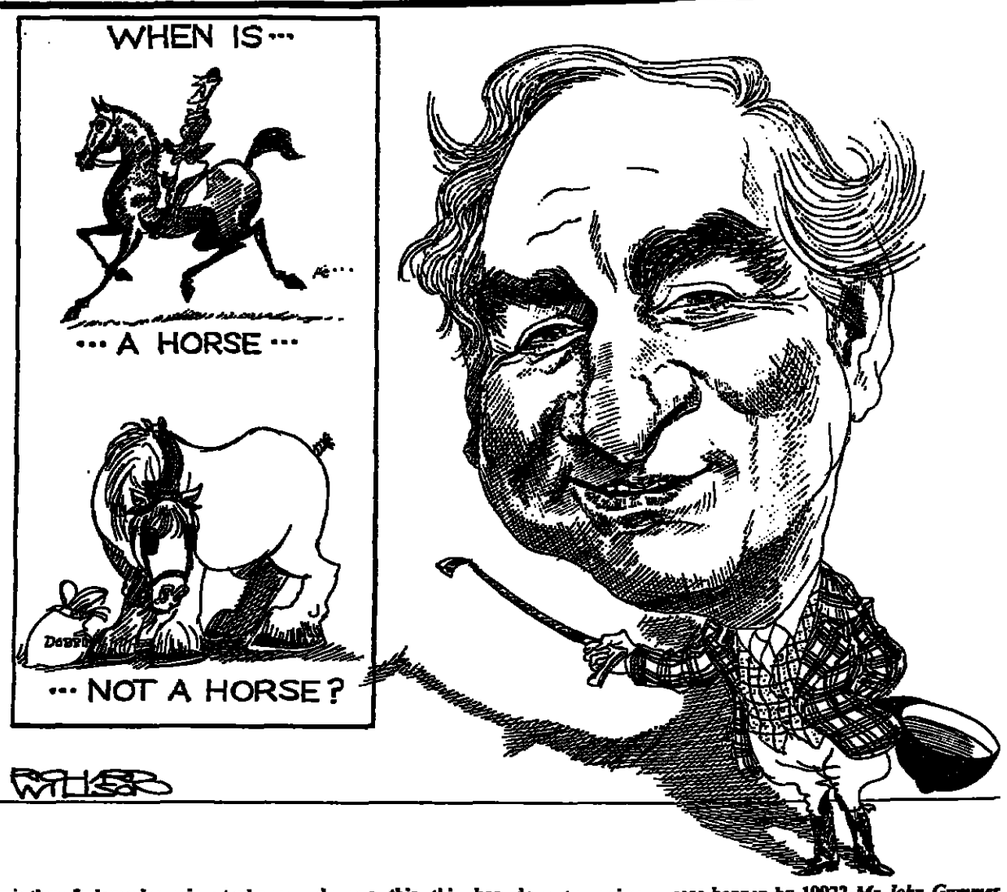
So I ask again: Will she tell us, yes or no, whether the very large number of families I have quoted will be worse off as a result of the Budget? Does she realize that if she goes on waffling on this answer as she did on the previous one it will be a reflection not only on her compassion but on her integrity as Prime Minister? (Conservative protests)

Mrs Thatcher: I will not confirm his figures. The Budget was an excellent one and has helped many people on lower pay because it has increased allowances by twice the rate of inflation.

● When the subject of the young homeless was once more raised during Prime Minister's questions, Mrs Thatcher said that there were signs that landlords were adjusting to the new rent-payment arrangements.

Mr Patrick Wall (Bradford North, Lab) asked if the Prime Minister would now accept that many young people were becoming homeless to escape violence, sexual abuse, overcrowding or on leaving care? How, in low-paid Bradford, could they get together £100 plus four weeks' rent in advance?

Mrs Thatcher said that undoubtedly some young people did leave home for the reasons he had indicated, but by no means all. Many left home voluntarily.



The question of when a horse is not a horse — as far as agricultural definition is concerned — was discussed during Commons questions. *Mr Harry Greenway* (Ealing North, C) (above) complained: As the only EEC country not to recognize the horse as an agricultural animal and the damage this this has done to racing, breeding, bloodstock and riding and driving in this country, what animal could be more agricultural than a horse? *Labour MP:* A cow. *Mr Greenway:* Will the Government take steps to have a horse recognized as an agricultural animal now, which will in any case happen by 1992? *Mr John Gummer*, Minister of State for Agriculture: The horse is an agricultural animal when it is an agricultural animal, but when it is running in the Derby it is obviously not an agricultural animal. We are going to keep it like that.

Further study on nuclear report

The Government is considering how best to follow up the report by the committee on medical aspects of radiation in the environment, but the report did not point to any particular explanation for greater incidence of leukemia near Dounreay, Mrs Thatcher said during question time.

Mr George Foulkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Lab) said that the report pointed to a direct link between Dounreay and leukemia.

"Increased monitoring, including all-body monitoring, should be carried out. Will she confirm that increased monitoring will not apply just to Dounreay but also to every nuclear establishment in Britain?"

Mrs Thatcher: "The report identifies a number of possible explanations for six cases of leukemia where only one would have been expected. It requires all possible investigation. We have accepted it."

Welsh details out soon

Details of measures to promote and protect the Welsh language will be announced shortly, the Prime Minister said at question time.

Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Môn, Pl C) said that the Welsh Office had consulted on the need for a new Welsh language Act. The period of consultation had ended in March 1987, and 2,000 had replied to the call for evidence.

"Does she think, because of the obvious demand for greater status for the Welsh language in Wales, an announcement should be made? Will that include a commitment to legislation?"

Mrs Thatcher: The Secretary of State for Wales (Mr Peter Walker) was considering measures to promote and protect the Welsh language. Details would be announced shortly. There was no commitment to legislation (Opposition protests).

Mandela rock

The Government is considering representations from Pretoria about the screening by the BBC of an anti-apartheid rock concert marking the seventieth birthday of Nelson Mandela, **Mr John Wakeham**, Leader of the House, told MPs during business questions.

'Publish report' call by Baker

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has told Manchester City Council that, unless there are overwhelming arguments against, it should publish in full a report of an inquiry into the death of an Asian boy at one of the city's schools last year.

He said in a written reply that he had received a copy of the published shortened report of the Macdonald inquiry into Burnage High School, Manchester, but had not seen a copy of the complete text.

"I consider that the report raises issues of public interest and should be published in full unless Manchester City Council can demonstrate overwhelming arguments to the contrary.

"I do not believe that considered conclusions can be drawn on the basis of the present severely foreshortened report.

"Accordingly, I have asked the council for a clear statement of the specific difficulties which it sees in publishing the report in full and why these cannot be met, if necessary, by excising only particular and limited passages."

During Prime Minister's questions, **Mrs Margaret Thatcher** welcomed all genuine efforts to remove discrimination and racialism when she commented on the death.

Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C) said that the report about that incident confirmed that so-called anti-racist policies only strengthened race prejudice.

"Is it not time for us to abandon policies which emphasize the differences between British citizens and concentrate, instead, on those which promote the unity of this nation?"

Mrs Thatcher: I agree that everyone who settles here permanently has the same rights and responsibilities.

Police rules

Police oficers who patrol the entrance to Downing Street have been given new instructions about allowing MPs into the street, **Mr John Wakeham**, Leader of the House, told the Commons.

His statement came after a complaint that Labour MPs had been prevented from approaching No 10 with letters from constituents about the new housing benefit rules.

Labour complains about Bill's late amendments

The Government's handling of the remaining stages of the Housing Bill came in for criticism from Labour MPs even before proceedings on the Bill started.

There were complaints about the number of amendments proposed by the Government, their lateness and **Mr Clive Soley**, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that the Government was legislating "on the hoof".

Labour MPs even forced a division in protest at the order in which the amendments were to be considered. The Bill allows council tenants to opt for a new landlord, such as a housing association.

Mr Soley said that some 183 new clauses and amendments were being added to the Bill at short notice.

He accepted that some of those amendments were in response to Opposition requests at the committee stage, but that was not a good enough reason for introducing totally new measures which had not even been debated on the committee.

There was supposed to be detailed investigation of a Bill at committee stage, but very important changes were being made only now at report stage.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that he was sympathetic to the points made but he thought that the House should proceed today and then see how it got on next week.

Mr Simon Hughes, SLD spokesman on the environment, said it was impossible to put down further amendments in the knowledge of what the Government was doing.

Mr John Home Robertson (East Lothian, Lab) said that the Government had included amendments relating to Scottish housing legislation, but a Scottish housing Bill would be going before the House of Lords where those amendments would be more appropriate.

Was it in order for the Government to include Scottish legislation in an English and Welsh Bill?

The Speaker said that there was no time limit on discussion of the Bill and it would be sensible to put such questions to the appropriate ministers when the amendments were reached. He could not say whether a matter was right or wrong; it was for the Government to answer.

Mr Barry Jones (Alyn and Deeside, Lab) said that among the new amendments were two schedules, one 180 lines long and the other 400 lines long. The Government was treating the House in an arrogant and high-handed manner.

Mr Rhodri Morgan (Cardiff West, Lab) asked how the House was expected to debate complex amendments which had been tabled only the night before.

Mr Robert Cryer (Bradford South, Lab) said that it was a convention that the House strove to avoid retrospective legislation, except in special circumstances. But the Government was including proposals which would come into immediate effect, months before Royal Assent would be given. Could these amendments be deleted from the selected list?

The Speaker said that he had borne the point in mind when he made his selection and for that reason his selection had been generous.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said that many of the new amendments, clauses and schedules had been included as a result of suggestions in committee by the Opposition. The Government's tabling had been perfectly in order.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said that the Opposition was distressed at finding itself confronted with so much new business after the committe had finished sitting on March 15.

The Government was increasingly treating report stages as if they were committee stages.

The Speaker said he had been generous in his selection of amendments in order to allow the greatest possible debate. It would be better to get on with discussion of the amendments.

Several other members then rose to press further points of order but the Speaker said that it was time to proceed with the report stage.

The motion setting our out the order of the amendment was then carried in a division by 231 votes to 176 — Government majority, 55.

Agriculture questions

Lamb safe, says Gummer

Mr John Gummer, Minister of State for Agriculture and Food, sought to reassure MPs that in the aftermath of the Chernobyl disaster there was no danger of housewives buying contaminated British lamb. He said that his preganant wife had been eating sheep meat at the time.

The disaster had resulted in no danger to human health in Britain and the sheep meat on sale in the United Kingdom had been wholly safe.

Sir Peter Emery (Honiton, C) asked what discussions his department had had with other EEC countries to try to establish a standard of irradiation of food when there had been any incident such as Chernobyl.

Mr Gummer: We have had a number of discussions. We have got a system which will continue should any such accident take place in the future, but we have not got to all the final decisions which some of us would like to see. But there has been considerable discussion on this matter.

The United Kingdom will continue to press for decisions based on the best scientific evidence rather than on facts which are sometimes merely emotional.

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon, Pl C): The sheep and other farmers in Britain played a vital part in minimizing the amount of contaminated, irradiated



Sir Peter Emery: Call for irradiation standards

food produced in the countries of these islands.

Two years after Chernobyl it is ridiculous that there are still dozens of farmers who have been affected by Chernobyl and many of them have still not had adequate compensation for the trouble they took at that time.

Mr Gummer said that £5.3 million had been paid in compensation.

Mr David Nicholson (Taunton, C): Has he had drawn to his attention the research of Bristol University on effects of Chernobyl irradiation on sheep in Somerset and Devon?

Mr Gummer: I am happy to say to farmers and consumers in the whole of the United Kingdom that as a result of Chernobyl there was no danger to human life and that the sheep meat that has been on sale in the United Kingdom has been wholly safe and at that particular time I was happy my pregnant wife was eating sheep.

Mr Paul Flynn (Newport West, Lab) said that new contaminated hotspots had been discovered more by luck than judgement.

Mr Gummer said that Mr Flynn did not understand how the system worked at all. "No lamb has been sold in this country which could possibly be a danger to human health and we stand by that."

Earlier, Mrs Joan Ruddock (Lewisham, Deptford, Lab) said that the Asian regional office of the International Organization of Consumer Unions claimed that there had been deliberate dumping of contaminated food in the Third World from Europe. She asked Mr Gummer to ensure that Britain was not one of the responsible countries.

Mr Gummer: I will look into the matter. Obviously dumping of that kind would be wholly unacceptable.

Shultz Middle East peace plan wins peers' support

The following report of a Lords debate on the Middle East appeared in later editions yesterday.

Peers of all parties supported the peace initiative of Mr George Shultz, American Secretary of State, in calling for an international conference as a first step towards bringing peace to the Middle East.

Initiating the debate, **Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos**, leader of the Labour peers, said that the refusal of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization to make a conciliatory move would only result in more violence, more deaths and more suffering.

If the Government did all in its power to help to begin to bring peace to the Middle East, it could rely on the Opposition's support.

Lord Thomas of Gwydir (C) said that common hatred of Israel was the one unifying force among the Arab leaders. More than half had gained power through violence against their predecessors.

Israel was the only democracy in the region and the only reliable ally of the West in an area seething with inter-Arab conflict.

Israel wanted peace, but for the whole of its 40 years it had faced ferocious hostility from its neighbours and it had been the target of unremitting terrorism at home and abroad. It was therefore understandable that it sought peace with security.

Lord Weidenfeld (SDP) said that it was his impression that, although Prime Minister Shamir of Israel had set his mind against Mr Shultz's initiative, he could shift his ground.

One factor that helped the prospects for compromise was the new arms race that could lead to the bloodiest war yet in the Middle East.

Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said that neither the Government nor anyone else could impose a solution on the parties involved in the Middle East.

Defence policies 'well founded'

The Government's defence policies were intellectually well founded and contrasted with the indecisive and floundering policies of the Opposition, **Mr Timothy Janman** (Thurrock, C) said during Prime Minister's question time.

He also praised the Government's long-standing commitment to the nuclear element and its full implementation of forces' pay reviews.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher: Yes. Our defence policies effectively safeguard the defence of this country and ensure that we are staunch allies of Nato, including its vital nuclear deterrent policy.

She added that she could not make out what Labour's defence policy was, but did not believe that it had changed from a non-nuclear one.

Mr William Powell (Corby, C) said that Mrs Thatcher's support for the success of the summit last week had been widely echoed.

Mrs Thatcher said that the next step to the interim nuclear weapons agreement would be to complete negotiations to reduce United States and Soviet strategic nuclear weapons by half. After that, they must get on with negotiations to abolish chemical weapons and reduce conventional weapons.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:
Monday: Debate on mining subsidence. Housing Bill, report stage.
Tuesday: Housing Bill, report stage.
Wednesday: Housing Bill, completion of report stage and third reading.
Thursday: Criminal Justice Bill, report stage.
Friday: Debate on tourism.

The main business in the House of Lords is expected to be:
Monday: Local Government Finance Bill, committee.
Tuesday: Local Government Finance Bill, committee.
Wednesday: Debate on medical research. Debate on conservation of the artistic heritage.
Thursday: Local Government Finance Bill, committee.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on women's health.
Lords (11): Debate on Hong Kong.

Child rear-seatbelt Bill in danger

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

The Bill to require children to be strapped into the back seats of cars is under threat in the House of Lords.

The measure, introduced by Mr Stephen Day, Conservative MP for Cheadle, has already cleared the House of Commons with strong support from the Government and is being steered through the upper House by Lord Nugent of Guildford.

But "libertarians" are unhappy about imposing a legal duty on adults rather than leaving it to them to decide whether to use rear seat belts.

Amendments have already been tabled to tighten up the Bill, which is again debated on Monday. But only one hour has been allotted to the detailed committee stage and, if it is not finished, another gap will have to be found in the heavy legislative timetable of the Lords.

If any amendments are made the Bill will have to be sent back to the Commons for final approval, which will also threaten its chances of becoming law.

Mr Day said: "I am still very hopeful. But I have read the second reading debate in the House of Lords and there seems



Mr Stephen Day: I am still very hopeful

to be some serious misconceptions among my opponents.

"For instance, the Bill does not in any way affect the school run. If you want to carry five or six children in the back of your car and you have two or three restraints then you must use them." The Bill only says that children must be restrained where seatbelts are fitted.

He added: "If anybody is objecting on libertarian grounds they must ask themselves very seriously if they object to the other laws putting duties on parents".

Mr Peter Bottomley, the junior transport minister, is strongly in favour of the Bill.

Future of British car-making 'is put in doubt'

The following report of a Commons debate on the British Aerospace bid for the Rover Group appeared in later editions yesterday.

The prospect of a Britain without an indigenous car industry was put forward by **Mr Bryan Gould**, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, during the debate.

He said that the takeover raised grave concerns for the future of volume car manufacture.

"The Government's prime concern, indeed its only concern, is to sell where possible at whatever price it can get and if it cannot get a price at all, it will give away whatever it may be for nothing."

As soon as the question of privatization was raised, national interest was forgotten and the Government said it had no responsibility, that it was a matter for market forces to decide.

"We are talking about the future, indeed the survival, of the one remaining indigenous, home-controlled, volume car manufacturer in this country.

"If, as a consequence of the Government's manoeuvering, the Rover Group should go out of business after five years and we should no longer have a volume car manufacturer in this country under British ownership, from that moment we have become the one advanced industrial country that has given up that capacity."

That would leave the country without capacity in a crucial sector of the economy.

The country would have departed from a major technology, unable to control the future direction of what had been regarded as the linchpin of a modern industrial economy.

He had received a confidential document produced by the Conservative Research Department.

In this it was said that the takeover of Rover by British Aerospace offered a quick and attractive way of fulfilling the Government's commitment to return it to the private sector.

"Quick seems to be the whole flavour of what the Government is about.

"Speed, ease and lack of responsibility: that is what it is looking for, which reinforces my contention that what it is really concerned with is simply getting shot of the industry, irrespective of what the consequences to our economy may be."

If the deal went through, it was estimated that the group would desperately need investment of about £1 billion over the next four or five years if it was to survive. The Opposition was entitled to ask from where that money was to come, where that investment would be generated.

The likelihood and almost certainty was not that the deal would generate a flow of cash or investment capital from BAe to Rover. It was a virtual certainty that the flow would be in the reverse direction.

The prospect was that Rover would be guaranteed a future for five years, financed by the taxpayer, during which it would be milked of cash. Then volume car manufacture would come to an end.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Trade and Industry, said that was not at all a quick dash or an ill judged moment for the Government to come to a reasonable deal with a British company.

Rover Group was not now and never would be a "stand-alone" volume car producer along the lines of the six big producers.

Rover Group was pursuing an extremely good alternative strategy, not based on running down the business at all. It was seeking to take the business up market.

He did not expect fundamental changes in the magnitude or general direction of investment in Rover in the future, but decisions must be for management or the new owner.

The Government was confident that the deal would bear scrutiny. Rover should be, protected from ill informed public comment. It was in the interests of all for the deal to continue.

"My feeling is that this, at the moment, is the most popular and most welcome of our privatization proposals."

It had aroused least hostility. The dealers welcomed the agreement, as did the component suppliers, and the bulk of the workforce. Rover Group trade unions had made clear their determination to make the deal work.

TAKEOVERS



Mr Eastham: Workers entitled to a decent deal

Mr Kenneth Eastham (Manchester, Blackley, Lab) said that the workers were entitled to a decent deal, to consultation, and to some recognition of the contribution they had made and could make to the production of wealth.

Mr James Cran (Beverley, C) said that Rover was historically susceptible to uncertainty about its future. During the uncertainty over the merger with Ford it lost 2 per cent of its market share, which had only just been recovered.

Honda could have ended its agreement with Rover. By choosing not to do so it had shown a level of confidence in the company not shared by the amateurs on the Labour benches.

Mr Hal Miller (Bromsgrove, C) said that before the last general election the Rover board had announced its intention that the group should be returned to the private sector as soon as possible. So it was not government machination, political intrigue or party ideology, but the policy of the company's own board.

Mr Austin Mitchell, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said no good would come of this illogical merger.

Other governments in other countries, when faced with a crisis in their car industries, had intervened to save them, having seen their central importance.

Labour's alternative was to keep Rover as it was, to build it up and invest in it, to get the new models which would allow it to survive.

The danger was that the company would not be able to survive and would have to be brought back into the state stable by a future Labour government because the present Government had made no provision for its future.

Mr Robert Atkins, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said that at last the Labour Party had admitted they would renationalize the Rover Group if they returned to power.

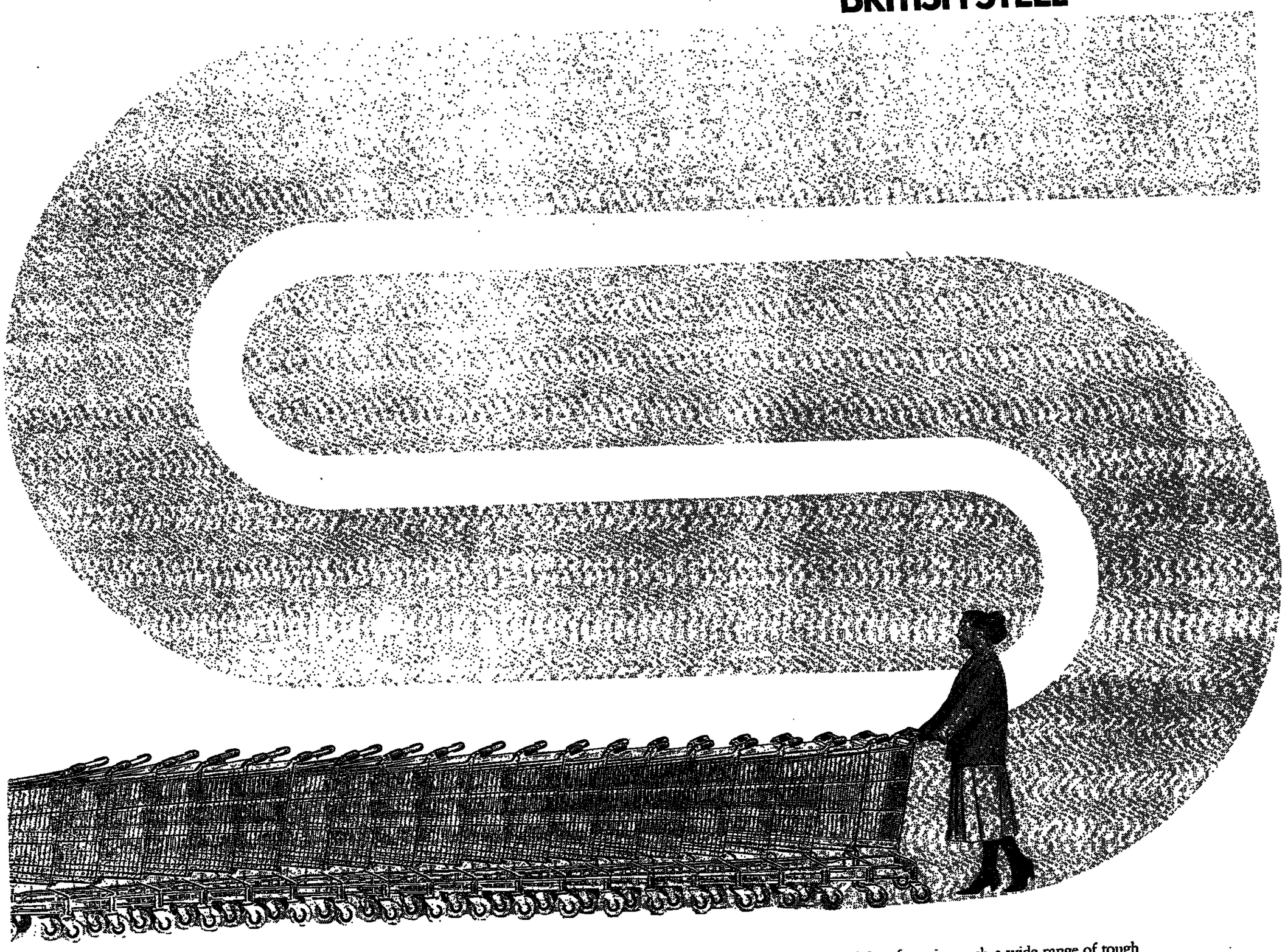
Could they really want to return to the days when Leyland, under their management, had been a musical-hall joke?

The proposed offer would be good for the group, its workforce and for the taxpayer.

It would enable the business to develop in response to the market, not to Whitehall or Westminister, and the prospects for the future were of stability.

The Opposition motion calling for the retention of Rover in public ownership was rejected by 307 votes to 198 — Government majority, 109.

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The Blues versus the green

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- Winning an Oxbridge Blue has traditionally been one of the highest ambitions for a student
- But could the new approach to sport force our ancient universities into second place?

Part 10: The game's the thing

TOM KIDD



Students Katrina Lambert and Shirley Lawson (foreground) at St Andrews

The *Chariots of Fire* image dies hard: despite the increasing demands for academic excellence, the Blue, as a prelude to Olympian triumphs, still inspires generations of undergraduates.

Oxbridge rivalry, particularly in the Boat Race and the Varsity Rugby match, remains rock hard. And, in several sports, the standard remains remarkably high. Jon Ridgeon, Britain's Athlete of the Year in 1987, is reading geography at Cambridge; the two Boat Race crews are among the best in the country, and the rugby teams regularly include players who either are or will be internationals.

For generations, some Oxbridge colleges have allowed sporting prowess to tip the admissions balance when faced with rivals of equal, or even occasionally slightly superior, academic merit. But the old superiority of Oxford and Cambridge has gradually been eroded, and even conceded to other universities and polytechnics. Many of these are producing competitors of outstanding ability, some with the aid of American-style bursaries: although we have yet to embrace fully sports scholarships, they are becoming more widespread.

Bath began the trend in 1976. But like others who have followed its lead, Bath insists that academic requirements must not be waived. So far 30 scholarships have been awarded, allowing the student to complete a three-year course in four years and thereby benefitting from the medical back-up, specialist coaching, and financial assistance for trips abroad.

In addition some students get bursaries of up to £500 a year. Others of county level standard get some financial help and benefit from the expert coaching team led by Tom Hudson, the man renowned for transforming the training of Rugby Union in England. Coaching is done by a full-time PE staff of seven, a further 50 specialist coaches, and a number of the academic staff.

Stirling began a similar system in 1980. So far 12 students have taken advantage of the bursary which includes tuition fees, 50 per cent of the maintenance grant, plus £1,000 a year for up to five years. A further 12 are now at Stirling. Among those who have profited are golfers Colin Dalgish, who played in the 1981 Walker Cup, and Shirley Lawson, who represents Britain in the Curtis Cup competition, and Gary Young, a Commonwealth medal winner in canoeing.

Dr Ian Thomson, Director of Physical Recreation, says that Stirling has decided to concentrate on three sports: golf, squash and tennis. This makes for easier administration and allows those on sporting bursaries to motivate each other. The Royal and Ancient, golf's most famous institution, will subsidize future bursaries, beginning with two this autumn and rising to five by 1991. St Andrews begins a similar liaison with the R and A this autumn.

Swansea began offering entrance scholarships of £500 a year for culture or sport in 1985. Thirteen people have benefited including five rugby players and two international swimmers, Stephanie Watson and Duncan Rolley.

The 1991 World Student Games, to be staged in Sheffield, will provide an immense incentive. Yury Matischen, the secretary of the British Universities Sports Federation, says they will be a "driving force for unification" between the five main bodies who administer student sport but often overlap in their responsibilities. "The administration should be tidied up to produce a more efficient structure," he says.

Many, including Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, agree. As a double Blue at Oxford, he could also use his influence to persuade Oxbridge (and London University) to join the Universities Athletic Union which organizes most inter-university sport.

Oxbridge has always profited in outdoor sports from its the immaculate playing fields. But its indoor facilities, particularly for swimming, are less comprehensive. Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester have vastly better indoor areas.

And it is the indoor sports which are now attracting increasing numbers of students. Team games remain popular although most administrators agree that cricket is increasingly struggling because it takes so long to complete a game in the term when most examinations take place.

The growth areas include martial arts, weight-training, aerobics, and adventure activities such as hang-gliding and hot-air ballooning. Stirling reports that out of a student body of 2,600, all but 400 have paid for a membership card to use the university's facilities.

Graham Solley, the Director of Recreation at Sheffield City Polytechnic, says: "With the facilities for the World Student Games, Sheffield will be the sporting mecca of the country." But the games will also focus the attention on student sport generally, giving it a profile that it has rarely enjoyed since the heyday of Oxford and Cambridge.

John Goodbody

MONDAY

The final pay-off: what is a degree worth in the market place?

A to Z

Student views are taken either from the Alternative Prospectuses or Student Union spokesmen.

NOTTINGHAM

University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD (0602484848).
Location: 330-acre campus on edge of the city. School of Agriculture 12 miles south.
History: Opened in 1881, royal charter in 1948. Teaching complex for Science and Engineering in 1965.
Undergraduates: 6,025 (M/F 3:2).
Main areas of study: Law, Chemistry, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Medicine. Most popular: Architecture, Law, Psychology and Pharmacy.
Special features: New medical school, teaching hospital, main library. Special facilities for disabled students. Science park.
Social life: Guarantees accommodation for first-years. Thirteen pleasant halls of residence. SU runs its own newspaper and campus radio. University has a museum and an art gallery. Choir, orchestra and chamber orchestras plus sports halls, boathouse and a 2,000-metre international rowing course nearby.
Student view: "Academic and sporting standards are high. The Union does not control bars or catering and this is a major drawback."
Famous graduates: Gawain Briars (former British Professional Squash champion), D H Lawrence.
Open days: June 22-24, 27-28 Orientation Week. Details from School Liaison Office.

OPEN UNIVERSITY

PO Box 48, Milton Keynes MK7 6AL (0908 653983). Inquiries: Undergraduate Admissions Officer.
Location: Administrative headquarters based in Milton Keynes in Buckinghamshire but students study from home supported by 13 regional centres.
History: Established in 1969 to provide an education for adults to study part-time in their own time.
Undergraduates: 68,000 (M/F circa 5:5).
Main areas of study: More than 130 courses mainly centred on Arts, Social Sciences, Technology, Mathematics, Science, the Fundamentals of Computing. Length of degree course: from four to five years for an ordinary degree, five to seven years for honours.
Special features: The OU has no academic requirements for admission but applicants must be over 18 and usually resident in the UK. Students study for 12 to 14 hours a week using specially prepared course text and a wide-range of audio-visual aids. Undergraduates start with two foundation courses, including a week at summer school. Course work is sent off for marking to a tutor but face-to-face tutorials are available at the local study centres. The degrees work on a credit system and students need to gain six for credit for an ordinary degree, eight for honours. Each full-course credit this year costs around £170, plus £103 for summer school.
Social life: Students isolated but they can meet on the summer courses or at the study centres.
Student view: "At times costly in terms of finance and time. But definitely an enriching and fulfilling experience."
Famous graduates: Lord Gardiner, Frank Hampson, Keith Mans MP.
Open days: June 25.

READING

Reading, Berkshire, RG6 2AH (0734 875123). Inquiries: Registrar.
Location: South of Reading in the beautiful 300-acre Whiteknights park. Second site nearer the town centre.
History: Founded in 1892, charter in 1926.
Undergraduates: 4,749 (Male/Female ratio 7:6).
Main areas of study: Largest and most popular courses are Land Management, Geography and Law. Economics and English very popular, particularly in combination with other subjects. Length of degree: three to four years.
Special features: Museum of Rural Life, Ure Museum of Archaeology and Cole Museum of Zoology reflect its excellence in fields such as agriculture, land management and history. Science park.
Social life: Most first and third-years accommodated in one of 12 pleasant halls whose JCR's are social focus. Off-campus students become members of the St David's Society at the London Road site, which has its own social centre and amenities. Music is a strong tradition. Choral society, orchestra, chamber orchestra. New sports centre and boathouses. Archery, fencing, cricket and tennis.
Student view: "Perhaps one of Britain's most pleasant campuses. Not too much happens in the town and students tend to go to Oxford or London at weekends."
Famous graduates: Jim Bacon (weatherman), Andy Mackay (Roxy Music), Clive Ponting.
Open days: Visitors welcome by arrangement.

ST ANDREWS

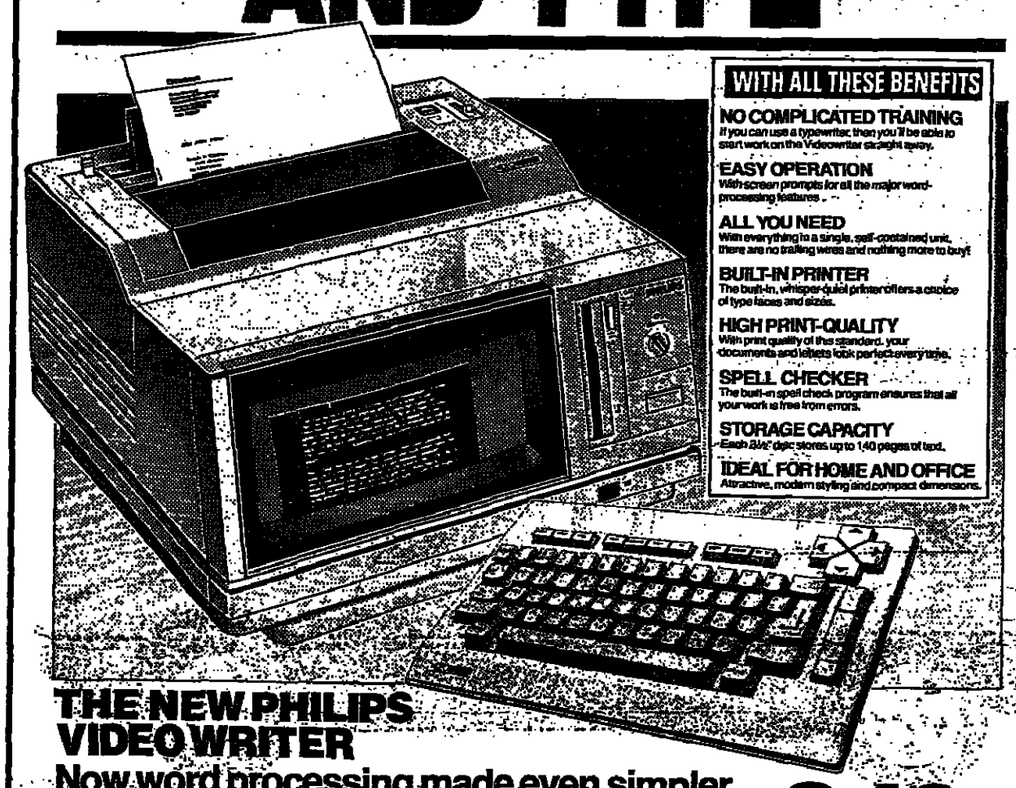
College Gate, St Andrews KY16 9AJ (0334 76161). Inquiries: Admissions Officer.
Location: On the Fife coast, buildings spreading throughout the small, historic seaside town famous for its golf.
History: Founded in 1411, the oldest university in Scotland.
Undergraduates: 3,309 (M/F 1:1).
Main areas of study: Medical Science, Physics and Astronomy, History, Mathematics. Popular courses include Psychology, Management, English and Chemistry. Length of degree course: three to four years.
Special features: Students take broadly-based course of three subjects in the first year and often do not specialize until the end of the second. Four golf scholarships are being introduced this year. Lasers and the largest optical telescope in the UK.
Social life: All first-years and many second and thirds offered accommodation. Halls range from stately manor to modern buildings. Most halls hold their own balls. St Andrews Festival organized by university and town. Sports facilities good and include access to the four St Andrews golf courses.
Student view: "Town small but good mix. Garden parties, croquet and the beaches in St Andrews become part of the daily routine of student life. One never leaves St Andrews for good, but finds oneself drawn back again and again. Not the place for those who want the fast city life."
Famous graduates: Dirk Bogarde, Susan Hampshire, John Mortimer.
Open days: Visitors welcome by arrangement.

SALFORD

Salford M5 4WT (061 736 5843). Inquiries: Undergraduate Admissions Office.
Location: 34-acre campus one mile from Manchester.
History: Began as the Royal Technical Institute in 1896. Royal College of Advanced Technology in 1961, university charter in 1967.
Undergraduates: 3,272 (M/F 2:1).
Main areas of study: Engineering, Science, Business Studies, Modern Languages, and Social Sciences. Most popular are: Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Business and Management Studies, Modern Languages. Length of degree course: three or four years.
Special features: "Educating for capability": witness its intergrated sandwich courses and courses such as Constructive Management and Information Technology run in partnership with industry. Business Park.
Social life: First-years guaranteed accommodation. SU has set up a private company to manage a local pub and also runs its own sports hall. Students are sporty and drama group recently won a prize at the Edinburgh Fringe.
Student view: "Best of both worlds with the community environment and activities of a campus university, together with the diverse facilities and entertainments Manchester has to offer."
Famous graduates: John Howard (BBC).
Open days: Visitors welcome by appointment.

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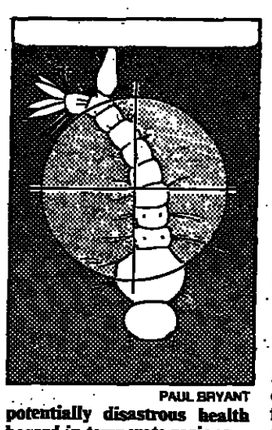
SCIENCE REPORT

Mosquitoes meet their match

Certain single-celled micro-organisms, normally food for mosquito larvae, are biting back and killing the predators eating them. And there are now hopes that this unusual defence mechanism will become a way of controlling disease-carrying mosquitoes mistakenly introduced into the United States.

Entomologists at the University of California at Berkeley found the defence mechanism while looking for natural ways to control the spread of the Asian tiger mosquito, a pest causing growing concern in the United States, where it seems to have been introduced as larvae or eggs unwittingly imported with retreaded tyres from Japan.

The mosquito is a carrier of yellow fever virus, Dengi virus and other disease organisms. It is also a close relative of the notorious tropical *Aedes aegypti*, the chief vector of yellow fever, but its more persistent bite and tolerance of cool conditions makes it a potentially disastrous health hazard in temperate regions.



PAUL BRYANT

The new discovery springs from the woodlands of California, where larvae of the native treehole mosquito *Aedes sierrensis* feed on microscopic animals in the puddles formed in holes in trees. One of them, the single-celled Lambornella clarki, resembles the familiar paramecium found in temperate ponds.

Like many other potentially edible animals, Lambornella has developed defence mechanisms against predators, but in this case on the principle that attack is the best means of defence. They turn against mosquito larvae feeding on them, apparently in response to a substance secreted by the larvae, a defence that may be unique.

In the US journal *Science* last month, John R. Anderson and his colleagues show how the presence of mosquito larvae, or even of water in which they have lived, induces the free-living cells of Lambornella to divide and be transformed into parasites which attach themselves to the mosquito larvae, in which they multiply and grow, eventually killing their predators. New, free-living cells emerge from the corpses, some of them turning into new parasites which finish the job. Whole populations of tree-hole mosquitoes can be wiped out in hours by their efforts.

Jan Washburn, one of the Berkeley team, who has been collecting Lambornella specimens from all over California, now hopes to find a strain that could be developed into a killer of other species of mosquito than the treehole mosquito *Aedes sierrensis*, most notably the Asian tiger mosquito.

If the system seems like viable for pest control, cultured Lambornella could be bred and selected for response to mosquito larvae both in strength and host range.

In the end, the usefulness of this method of controlling mosquitos could be limited by environmental constraints. Holes in trees are small spaces in which secretions from mosquito larvae become concentrated enough for microbes to respond. This may not happen in the swamps and rice paddies where yellow fever mosquitoes breed, unless a strain of extraordinarily sensitive microbes can be found.

Henry Gee

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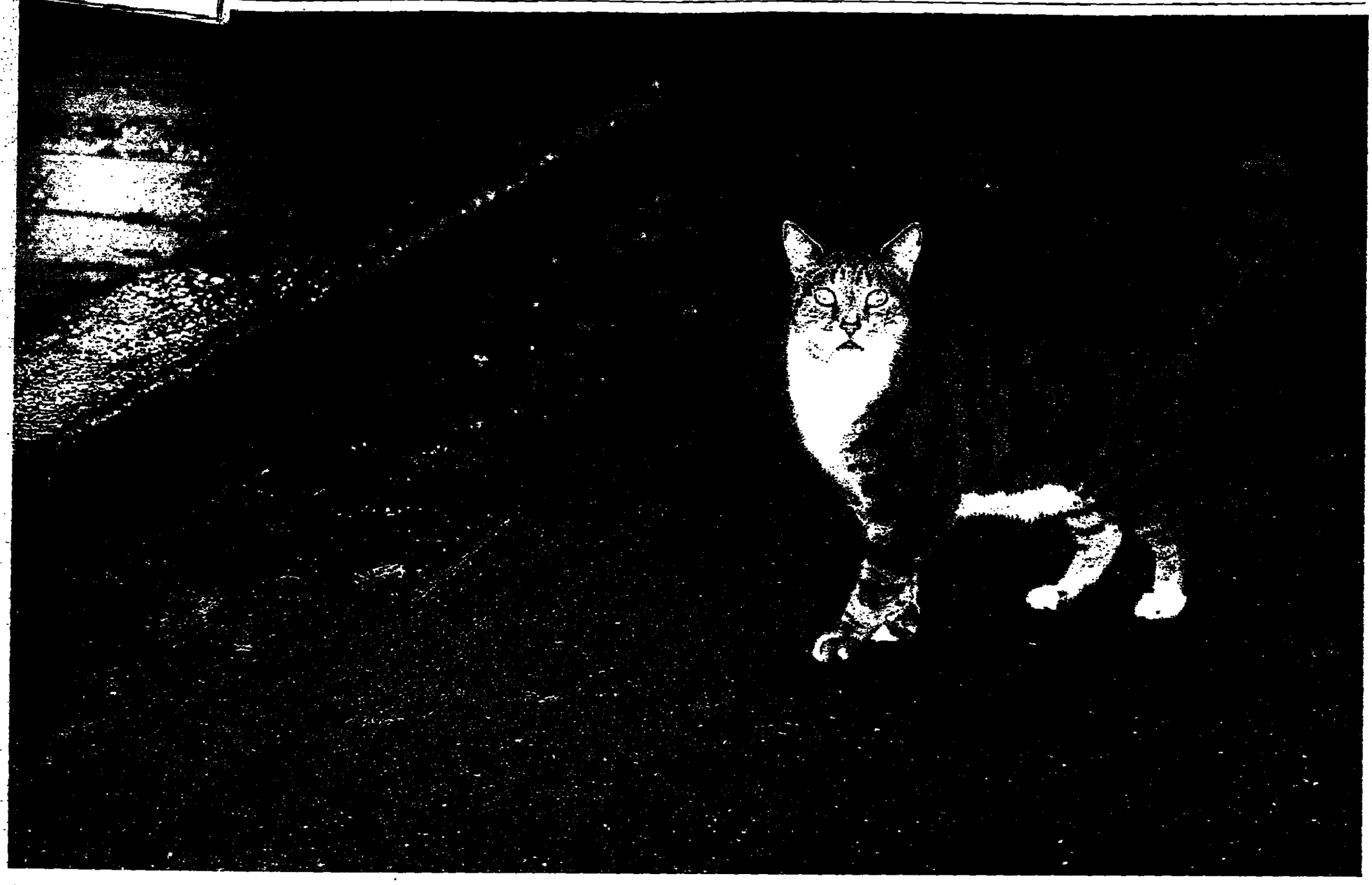
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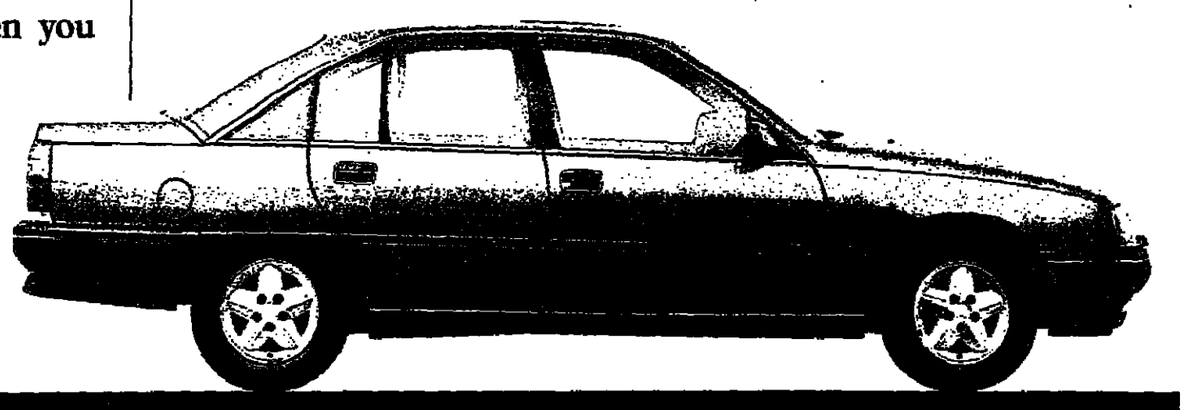
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TIMES DIARY

MARTIN FLETCHER

Leon Brittan, who resigned from the Cabinet over the Westland affair, has been discreetly sounded out — with the Prime Minister's blessing — about succeeding Lord Cockfield as Britain's Common Market Commissioner. The move has presented Brittan with an acute dilemma. Does he accept, resign his Yorkshire seat, and say goodbye for ever to his chances of resuming his ministerial career? Or does he refuse in the hope that whoever eventually succeeds Mrs Thatcher — provided it is not Michael Heseltine — brings him back from the cold?

Certainly Mrs Thatcher shows no signs of fulfilling her implied promise at the time of his resignation that she would soon have him back. This is despite the fact that his resignation as Trade Secretary diverted the fire from her, and despite the fact that he could possibly have brought down the Government had he chosen to reveal all he knew of the Westland affair. Indeed Mrs Thatcher has had practically no contact with him since, and is said by ministers to regard him as a reminder of one of her worst moments. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, is a loyal ally of Brittan and believed to be behind the move to make him Commissioner. But friends say that Brittan, still a prominent parliamentarian, is expected to turn the offer down.

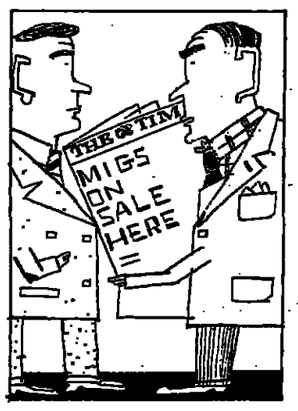
Norman Tebbit, former Tory party chairman, and his old Central Office chief of staff, Michael Dobbs, have struck a wager. Both are having books published. The one that sells least copies will buy the other dinner in Paris. My guess is that it will be Tebbit who dines free. He is writing his memoirs for publication just before this October's party conference. After five years in Cabinet he must have a few beans to spill, and will no doubt get even with those of his colleagues who denigrated his handling of the last general election campaign. Dobbs has written a novel called *House of Cards* about the power struggle after Mrs Thatcher retires — as he has it, in 1989. "So much fiction has been written about the last election I thought I would corner the market on the next one," he says.

● Tebbit's thoughts on the English cricket team scandal? So dramatically did our batsmen improve between the first and second innings that girls should be laid on as a matter of course.

Lord Young of Graffham, the man who brings the Prime Minister solutions not problems, is being widely tipped at Westminster to implement her ambitious plans for reforming the NHS. Senior Tories increasingly believe that Mrs Thatcher will split the Department of Health and Social Security into two in this autumn's reshuffle and give Lord Young, currently Trade Secretary, the new Health ministry.

This would pave the way for the neatest of reshuffles. Kenneth Clarke, Lord Young's able deputy at Trade, could at last be given a department of his own. John Moore, the beleaguered head of the DHSS, could be spared obvious demotion by being given the new Social Services ministry. As Lord Young could not answer questions in the Commons, Tony Newton, the very competent Minister of State for Health, would deputise for him and receive the much higher profile he deserves. QED.

BARRY FANTONI



'We could sell Trident and buy a few'

Next Wednesday's business in the Lords has been quietly changed. Their Lordships were to have conducted a detailed debate on the poll tax. Instead they will discuss medical research. The reason, I'm told, is that the Government whips were afraid peers might be tempted away from the division lobbies by Royal Ascot.

Test matches, too, can be a rival attraction, and this winter Parliament will be taking particularly keen interest in a series against Australia. The Lords and Commons cricket club has challenged its counterpart in the Australian parliament to help celebrate that country's bi-centenary. Skipper Bill Cash, Tory MP for Stafford, envisages matches in Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra with the British share of the proceeds going towards the Lord's Taverners' charity work. On paper he has a strong team: Bob Hicks, Tory MP for South East Cornwall, played for Devon, Bob Cryer, Labour MP for Bradford South, for Yorkshire Seconds, and the Northern Ireland Secretary, Tom King, and the Social Services minister, Nick Scott, for the leading amateur team, the Free Foresters. One of the Australian parliament's best players is Prime Minister Bob Hawke.

● Strict limits are to be placed on the number of passes given to the BBC for this year's Tory conference at Blackpool. Peter Brooke, the new party chairman, was astonished to discover that last year the BBC applied for 2,300 passes — one for any journalist, technician or what-have-you who might conceivably want or need to go.

It is not just the TGWU that is embarrassing Neil Kinnock. He is also having difficulties in his own backyard. On Tuesday his notoriously troublesome local Labour party, Ealing and Southall, voted overwhelmingly to back Tony Benn and Eric Heffer for the leadership and deputy leadership. Benn secured 19 votes to Kinnock's seven; Heffer 21 to John Prescott's six and Roy Hattersley's one.

Christopher Tugendhat on the need for EMS membership

1992: Britain's key role

Is 1992 different from other European initiatives? Despite the hype, will it fail to live up to the high hopes riding on it, as has happened so often since Britain joined the European Community?

The answer to the first question is yes. 1992 *is* different. Not since the Treaty of Rome itself was signed in 1957 and the period of the initial construction that followed has there been anything quite like it.

A major reason why those early years were so productive is that in the treaty the governments of the original Six committed themselves to a clear set of objectives of which the creation of a Common Agricultural Policy and the elimination of tariffs on intra-European trade were the most important. It also contained detailed instructions and deadlines for achieving them. There were other objectives as well, not all of which were achieved and some of which have been forgotten. But those two were fulfilled.

The similarity with 1992 is obvious. Unlike so many European initiatives in the intervening years, 1992 has the explicit support of member governments, the Commission has drawn up an action programme, and the old treaty principle of majority voting has been revived in the form of the Single European Act to enable it to be achieved.

There is another similarity as well. In the early days there was widespread public support for the new Community. Its inspiration and political thrust were very much part of the prevailing ethos of the time. Today, in most member states, governments have launched campaigns to prepare and enthuse their publics for 1992. The leaders of business and industry are for the most part strong supporters. The objective itself, involving as it does the removal of restraints on trade and an attack on structural rigidities on a massive scale, is also at the heart of the political and economic ethos that currently prevails in Europe.

The Community is always most likely to succeed when it is trying to do on a European scale what national governments are already trying to do within their own countries.

This does not mean that the target date of December 31, 1992, will necessarily be met in all respects. The date itself should be regarded as a focus rather than the moment when a final whistle blows and everyone adds up their scores.

What it does mean is that sooner or later, and in one form or another during the 1990s, most of what is being aimed at should be achieved *provided* the necessary political leadership is forthcoming and governments are prepared to face up to the full consequences of their commitments.

So far as leadership is concerned, a key responsibility lies with West Germany and France, which together account for some 47 per cent of the Community GDP compared with about 40 per cent for Britain, Italy and Spain. Experience over the last 30 years has shown that whatever plans the Commission may produce, success in the end depends on the Big Two. There can be no doubt about their present commitment to 1992.

My worry is of a different order. In the past, the constructive nature of Franco-German leadership derived not only from the closeness of their partnership and their sheer size. It also owed much to the dynamism of their economies, with West Germany providing the locomotive force and France following some way behind. It is this element that is now missing. For most of the 1980s, West Germany has had one of the lowest growth rates of the major world economies. Partly because of its close links with that country and partly because of its own problems France, too, has under-performed by comparison with earlier years.

The arguments for 1992 rest heavily on the boost to Europe's economic performance that breaking down barriers will bring. But there are bound to be losers as well as winners in all seciors of each national economy. It will be much harder for without the latter and if the time Bonn and Paris to provide the continuous leadership required to fulfil the 1992 targets, whether on time or subsequently, if the balance between winners and losers in their economies is unfavourable. In the 1960s both derived advantage from the creation of the CAP and the elimination of tariffs. If that is not the case with 1992 their leadership could falter.

This time, unlike the formative years, the Community will need Britain, now one of the best performing economies in Europe, to play a leading role if 1992 is to succeed. To say that, however, is to come face to face with the familiar problem of the European Monetary System and Britain's continued refusal to accept that if 12 national markets are to be turned into a single European one, close economic and monetary co-operation, including a joint policy on exchange rates, is essential.

The former cannot be maintained without the latter and if the time for Britain adhering to the exchange rate mechanism is never ripe, Europe may never really be open for business. Until Britain recognizes this it will not be able to exercise the influence in Europe that it should.

There is another less familiar problem related to the EMS that may, however, provoke a crisis before a crunch comes over Britain's attitude. It arises from the removal of restrictions on capital movements, in itself a necessary pre-condition for the integration of Europe's financial markets. The implications of this important change for exchange rates, and consequently for domestic monetary goals, could be immense. In view of the still embryonic nature of the economic and monetary co-operation that underlies the existing EMS, the exchange rate mechanism may not be able to withstand the massive movements between European currencies that might take place in the new situation.

Should a crisis occur for the EMS as a result of either of these factors, or a combination of both, it could blow 1992.

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Norman Fowler

Shining the family silver

It is two and a half years since the late Harold Macmillan (one of the great heroes of my political youth) made his "family silver" speech in which he likened the sale of government assets to the response of individuals or estates when they run into financial difficulties: "First the Georgian silver goes, then all the nice furniture that used to be in the saloon. Then the Canalettos go."

The charge, made with all the old master's brilliant use of language, was that the sale of capital assets was being used simply and solely to finance current expenditure — that privatization represented a one-off financial windfall from "assets that can never be replaced".

So let us examine that charge and test it against experience. One of the advantages of a government that has been in power for almost a decade is that it is possible to see the result of some of its earliest measures of privatization. I will return to my time as Minister of Transport.

The 1980 and 1981 Transport Acts represented some of the earliest action by the Government to move companies from the public to the private sector. As a result the National Freight Corporation, the British Transport Docks Board, and subsidiary companies of British Rail such as hotels and ferries were returned to the private sector. In addition passenger coach services were deregulated and the leases of the motorway service areas were sold to the operators.

Of those changes, most attention has been concentrated on the new National Freight Consortium, and with good reason. There was no logic in the NFC being in the public sector. The NFC had under its umbrella about 50 subsidiary companies whose operations ranged from road haulage to furniture removal; from cold storage to package holidays; and from waste disposal to parcel delivery.

Even the Labour Party had some difficulty in explaining why the state should be running a removal company or what unique public interest was served by nationalized cold storage. Not that this prevented Labour's team in the Commons from bitterly opposing the change as a "rip off" and a "charter for cowboy operators".

Yet in many ways the most dramatic of those early privatization measures was the denationalization of British Transport Docks and the emergence of Associated British Ports. This moved 19 ports — about a quarter of the port transport industry — to the private sector at a time when ports were not exactly the flavour of the month.

As Sir Keith Stuart, the chairman of Associated British Ports, has commented: "The general image of the industry was that of a lot of men in cloth caps, badly equipped, not working terribly hard, too many in number, very highly unionized, very old fashioned, and so on."

With British Rail's subsidiary companies, the case for change went to the heart of those businesses. British Rail's priority — and its chief skill — is in running a railway. Hotels, for example, did not figure very high in the board's discussions or for that matter in its investment plans. It was a subsidiary activity which could be better organized elsewhere.



But state ownership was not the only instrument of control exercised over transport at the end of the 1970s. In public transport there were a range of controls that had the effect of limiting competition to the benefit of existing providers. Thus, if a coach operator wanted to run an express service from, say, Birmingham to London, he could not do so without the permission of the Traffic Commissioners, and the application would almost certainly be opposed by existing transport providers, both coach and rail.

This system of control dated back to the 1930 Road Traffic Act and was designed to meet the conditions of that time — which a Royal Commission had described as "the most remarkable development" of road passenger transport. That position had long since changed, but the controls lived on. The 1980 Transport Act removed some of the impediments standing in the way of new services. Government got out of the way.

A further form of public control was exercised on the motorway service areas, where the operator paid rent in the form of a percentage of turnover. Thus if the service improved and turnover went up, the reward was a rent increase. Operators, furthermore, were specifically prohibited from advertising their names on advance warning signs for service areas.

In a series of moves the Government therefore moved away from state control and state regulation to private control and competition between providers. What have been the main results? I would name six.

First, the companies which have been denationalized are now trading profitably. The NFC, for example, has put behind it the indifferent and sometimes loss-making years of the 1970s. Rather than being a drain on public funds, the NFC paid £213 million in taxation in the year up to April 1988. Rather than selling the family silver the taxpayer seems to have had a bargain.

Second, investment in the assets which have gone to the private sector has substantially increased. Total investment in the NFC in the first five years since privatization totalled more than £600 million — whereas in state ownership investment never exceeded £25 million in any year.

Similarly, investment inside Associated British Ports has increased and on the motorways Trusthouse Forte have spent more than £30 million on improving service areas since the purchase of their leases.

Third, all the signs are that staff involvement is greater than it ever was in the years of nationalization. It is one of the great ironies that so-called public ownership never produced the loyalty or commitment which was intended to be its hallmark. In contrast, privatization has provided much more hopeful evidence. NFC, now owned by the workforce, has a staff commitment which has become a by-word in British industry. Associated British Ports has three share schemes for the benefit of employees — and any employee who took advantage of the offer at the time of flotation has seen a dramatic return.

Fourth, privatization has allowed good managers to manage. Outstanding managers such as Keith Stuart and Sir Peter Thompson, the chairman of NFC, came with their companies from the public sector and have gone from strength to strength. But the process goes way beyond the position at the top.

As one senior manager said: "Employees now *expect* managers to take decisions on a commercial basis and recognize that their interests as employees — and in many cases shareholders — demand this. This is in marked contrast to the position before privatization when the commercial objective was accepted by senior management but not the bulk of employees".

Fifth, and crucially, the service to the customer has improved. Coach services are provided in modern comfortable vehicles at competitive prices; motorway service areas have improved substantially since the 1970s when Labour transport ministers were constantly offering excuses for them; companies like Sealink have provided modern ferries to carry the public in comfort; and generally the privatized companies fiercely compete for their market share.

And, sixth, the process of privatization itself has produced a new investment atmosphere. I admit to having had some lingering doubts when in 1980 I told the Commons that the Channel Tunnel could go ahead — provided it was built with private money rather than the taxpayer's.

Yet that is precisely what is happening after decades of delay and indecision. Private investment is providing a long overdue link to Europe. It would not have happened if this government had not helped to change the whole debate about public and private investment.

I would hope that Harold Macmillan would have approved of that. I would hope also that the great man could have been persuaded that the family silver — the assets that have gone to the private sector — is now being better and more productively used than ever before.

Extracted from a speech which Mr Fowler, now Employment Secretary, is giving tonight to the Stockton Conservative Association.

Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

Demonstrably nonsense

The Russians are suddenly very popular. Presidents and prime ministers, opposition politicians, entertainers and men and women in the street are all heaping praise on Comrade Mikhail Gorbachov and his new Soviet policies.

Perhaps the most worrying and bizarre of the idolators is Bryan Gould and his new-found fancy for things Russian. So keen is the Shadow trade spokesman to attract a little of Gorbachov's trendy charisma to himself and the Labour Party that he is now presenting Labour's new economic policy as being its own *perestroika*.

That is an extraordinary thing to do. Things must be pretty bad in the people's party if its image can actually be thought to be improved by touching the hem of a Soviet oligarch. Bryan must, presumably, be unaware of the inescapable implication that if Labour is *perestroikaing* then he is actually confessing to the party being centralized, rigid, ossified, unresponsive, dictatorial, secretive and bureaucratic. He's almost certainly innocent of the intention of casting Wilson, Callaghan, Foot and, for the last five years — yes it *is* as long as that — Neil Kinnock as latter-day Stalinists. Yet that is what he's doing, just as, ironically, that is how Tony Benn now publicly describes them.

Whatever his intentions, Bryan's unthinking imitation of the Marxist-Leninists and his attempt to harness their current superficial popularity to help arrest the decline of an ailing Labour Party is naive and dangerous. It's reminiscent of the way that Shaw and the Webbs paid homage to Stalin as the creator of a new civilization, just before the purges and pogroms. It lends a respectability to the wicked that misleads the politically immature.

Bryan is not the only one who seems to have forgotten the full and terrible reality of the "evil empire". There are many well-intentioned but misguided folk who seem able to ignore the Berlin Wall, the Soviet occupation of Eastern Europe and Afghanistan, and Soviet-inspired excursions in Africa and the Far East, and who conveniently play down the fact that human rights in the Soviet Union are a new and fragile flower largely created as a result of the initiative of President Carter and sustained by the bullying of President Reagan.

An actress and a comedian made these foolish mistakes. Julie Christie and Alexei Sayle have actually asserted that they would be able to exercise their civil right to demonstrate more freely and effectively in the Soviet Union than they can in Britain.

Thwarted in their attempt to protest about President Reagan's support for the Nicaraguan Contras by a strategically placed bus when he visited the Guildhall last week, these little-known campaigners for human rights gave vent to some considerable venom. "The President has seen a more open society in Red Square" than in London, Miss Christie wailed, while Sayle insisted that he "would have more chance of trying to do this sort of thing in Russia".

I bet. They should go and talk to Irina Ratushinskaya, sentenced to seven years in a Soviet labour camp for doing little more than they were doing. They should speak to the elderly Jewish women beaten up in the same Red Square by the KGB for no greater crime than demonstrating for the right to be allowed to emigrate to Israel. They should seek the advice of the eight lawyers representing the International Bar Association who were refused visas to attend a conference on human rights in the Moscow legal centre on the very day that our duo were moaning about a bus.

They should certainly talk to the citizens of Eastern Europe about the way they exercise their civil rights, to Lech Walesa and the thousands of fellow Poles who want no more than their own independent trade unions, to the Afghans who want their own country, and to the urbane Milovan Djilas, who can tell a story or two about what happens in the Eastern bloc to those with unconventional views.

To save them time, they — and Bryan Gould — need do no more than heed what Andrei Sakharov has to say. On the day that Bryan was talking about Labour's *perestroika* and the entertainers were brandishing their banners, Dr Sakharov was reminding the West of the Soviet state's treatment of its dissidents. Only 18 months ago he was in internal exile and being hounded by the KGB. He still cannot travel abroad.

Sakharov was concerned that we should be demanding the release of all Soviet political prisoners, including the 20 or so incarcerated for no more than engaging in "anti-Soviet propaganda" — that is, in expressing sentiments about the communist empire similar to those that Miss Christie and Sayle were blurting out about Britain. He was calling for the release of all prisoners of conscience still held in Soviet prisons, labour camps and psychiatric hospitals.

Gorbachov, it is true, has done well. That has to be acknowledged. The Soviet leadership is coming along, apparently. But let us also acknowledge that the advances in human rights have been largely a response to American pressure. There has been no fundamental change of heart. They are not renouncing their ideology, disavowing world revolution or dismantling the one-party apparatus.

They still have a long way to go before they can be judged to be exhibiting a proper regard for human rights. At the very least the Berlin Wall will have to be demolished and Eastern Europe freed. Whatever they do, we certainly have no need to look east for precept or example. Those who suppose that we do display only their own ignorance. And if the Labour Party needs *perestroika* — and that says more about the Labour Party than about anything else — Britain certainly doesn't.

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In contrast to the columns of praise that had appeared in the papers since the opening of the Great Exhibition in London on May 1, the American exhibits evoked an unusually waspish leading article.

UNITED STATES AT GREAT EXHIBITION

The Americans, if we are to judge from their newspapers, are puzzled what to say about the figure they cut in the Exhibition. From the remarks, not only of the English press but of their own correspondents, they are aware of a certain shortcoming. Up to the day of opening, indeed, they were still confident that they would astonish the world, but since that fatal day they can no longer disguise from themselves the fact that, unapproachable as they are in the New World, they have not yet acquired that position in the Old. The most sensible of them refer with honest and well-grounded satisfaction to the utility and, to some extent, the novelty of their contributions. Others show considerable soreness, and are scolding rather indiscriminately. *The Times* is scolded for its sneers.

If the Americans do excite a smile, it is by their pretensions. Whenever they come out of their own province of rugged utility, and enter into competition with European elegance, they certainly do make themselves ridiculous. Their furniture is grotesque; their carriages and harness are gingerbread; their carpets are tawdry; their patchwork quilts surpass even the invariable ugliness of this fabric; their cut glass is clumsy; their pianos sound of nothing but iron and wood; their bookbinding is that of a journeyman working on his own account in an English market-town; their daguerreotypes are the sternest and gloomiest of all daguerreotypes; their printed calicoes are such as our housemaids would not think it respectable to wear. Even their ingenuity, great as it is, becomes ridiculous when it attempts competition with Europe. Double pianos, a combination of a piano and a violin, a chair with a cigar case in its back, and other mongrel constructions belong to a people that would be centaurs and mermen if they could, and are always rebelling against the trammels of unity.

But why should the Americans take it so much to heart if they cannot be all things at once? Would it be reasonable that Paris should envy them the possession of a continent? Then why should they envy Paris, or any other city, its natural aptitude for art? In some things they claim to surpass the whole world, and expect their supremacy to be allowed as a matter of course. In other respects they are as plainly behindhand, and must remain so for ages. The Americans have really no occasion to fret at the homely and even uncouth figure they cut by the side of their neighbours . . .

Is America not content with being America, but does it want to be Europe also? Let it beware in time of that fatal ambition. If the United States are wise they will be more anxious to ascertain their own place and keep to it, than to be many nations in one. They will see that, as Europe cannot be America, so America cannot be Europe.

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SKY CHANNELS

Satellite television, until now an idea of the future and accessible only to those prepared to spend several thousand pounds, will soon be widely available in Britain. Mr Rupert Murdoch's announcement that his Sky Television company will be beaming four channels to Britain early next year heralds the first of many new rivals to the BBC and ITV. The promise of a £200 dish receiver will make choice affordable.

The new freedom of choice that satellite television will afford should transform the face of British television to the benefit of everyone. Soon, the advantages of competition and variety should be as accessible to the viewer of television as they are to the reader of newspapers. Nor does it necessarily follow that standards will fall. Mr Murdoch has already said that he will voluntarily comply with the codes drawn up by Sir William Rees-Mogg's Broadcasting Standards Council.

In theory, the satellite companies can ignore the BSC as they would be bound only to comply with the regulations now being drafted by the Council of Europe. The new channels will also be regulated by the Cable Authority. The companies will also be well aware of the views of the Prime Minister, who made it plain in her speech to the Press Association this week that if the companies proved unable to regulate themselves, limitations would be imposed. Any broadcaster who took a cavalier attitude to standards would be taking an unwise commercial risk.

Within the television industry the most worried men will be in the boardrooms of the ITV companies who have enjoyed a commercial monopoly since they went on the air in 1954. This monopoly has led not only to large profits, but also to a complacency in operation that has generated waste and restrictive trade union practices. There was no incentive to efficiency. The television companies have only belatedly recognized the need to streamline their operations, reduce overmanning and become more cost-effective: hence the picket-line at TV-am, and a collection of manning reductions across the network. With the arrival of competition imminent, they will have to speed up this process and look carefully at their own programme standards.

The BBC, for its part, seems confident that it will emerge unscathed from the increase in the number of channels. It takes the noble view that it is in business to provide a public broadcasting service of the highest standard. Less nobly, it can see a possibility of gaining additional income by selling some of its programmes to the satellite companies. This, together with its own cost-cutting exercises, should improve the corporation's finances. More than ever, the public will have a right to expect a more efficient BBC for the licence fee. Recent signs are that they may be getting it.

ITV, where the franchises are to be renewed in 1992, faces far harder decisions. Changes are being planned in the way their levy to the Government is calculated. At present, the levy is charged on profits, but it may in future be charged on advertising revenue. Once the payment had been set, there would be no penalties incurred from the profits made. The question of possible levies charged to the satellite companies has still to be considered. ITV's claim that the companies have no objection to competition provided that it is fair deserves to be taken seriously.

The profits from the satellite channels will come from the advertisers who have been pressing for new outlets for their business. It is to stimulate competition that the industry proposed the privatization of Channel Four and the setting up of a fifth channel. The alternatives they, and viewers, have so long demanded will soon be here.

LABOUR'S BURDEN

The more the Labour Party wrestles with the need for change, the more it reveals itself as the old familiar political animal of internal strife. As the unreconstructed unions (those unlike the EEPTU and the AEU) see it, Mr Kinnock is getting ideas above his station as leader in trying to lead the party to accept some of the post-1979 political realities.

They have now fired across his bows a warning shot which could do rather more than warn, rocking the boat with danger to all on board. The executive of the Transport and General Workers Union has declined to endorse Mr Roy Hattersley in the contest for the Labour deputy leadership.

Last weekend, Mr Kinnock tried to make Labour defence policy personally by declaring that the change in US-Soviet relations had made unilateral disarmament redundant. The left, including many of Mr Kinnock's soft left supporters, immediately made known their dislike of his pre-emptive strike.

They had already been angered by the decision to postpone an interim policy paper on defence until the party conference next year. They also resent the shift of emphasis in these other policy papers away from public ownership and towards some acceptance of market forces.

What is more, the left does not like Mr Roy Hattersley. To the extent that he stands for anything at all, they think it is for everything they hold least dear. All these factors have combined to inspire the executive of the powerful Transport and General Workers Union to administer not only a crushing rebuke to Mr Kinnock but also a humiliating snub to their own general secretary, Mr Ron Todd (himself a left-winger) who was firmly committed to support Mr Hattersley.

They have done it in the worst of ways for Mr Kinnock. Had they decided to put the question to a ballot of the members now, it would have given Mr Hattersley a chance and have got the matter over. Now there will be several months in which the left-winger, Mr John Prescott, who is Mr Hattersley's only serious challenger, can get steam behind his campaign. When September comes, there will hardly be time to hold a ballot and the executive may well opt for Mr Prescott if they are still angry with Mr Kinnock.

Mr Kinnock could live with Mr Prescott if he has to, as he could not with the harder left Mr Eric Heffer. In office, Mr Prescott would be keen to work well with Mr Kinnock. Yet the defeat of Mr Hattersley and the tearing up of the Kinnock-Hattersley dream ticket would be a shattering blow to the notion of balance between left and moderates in the Party which Mr Hattersley's candidature symbolizes.

The postponement of the decision until September in preference to making it now is itself a blatant threat. Mr Kinnock is being given time to recant. But that is something he cannot do. He has to press on with his attempt to make his party election-worthy even at risk of strife and defeat. He may be driven into a fight-fight-and-fight-again situation for the policies which, though he may not love them, he recognizes as a cruel necessity.

He has been reminded that in the Labour Party it is the unions which are the boss force. Most of them have not changed their attitudes. Despite the improvement in industrial relations and the decline in the number of disputes, Britain's performance (as the Department of Employment's latest figures have shown) remains poor compared with that of the other major industrial nations, with days lost here between 1982-86 being more than five times the totals of France and Germany.

The unions of the left are determined that Labour shall remain their party. They have the power of the purse, and it is doubtful whether Labour can be at peace within itself so long as it is dependent on union money. Of course, there will be a certain give and take and the left will no doubt eventually allow the party to be pulled together in time for the next election.

But the electorate will largely form its opinion of Labour's fitness for power by what they observe over the long haul between now and then. They will see that the unions are still Labour's masters and they will not be encouraged by what they see.

THE DEBTORS OF AFRICA

President Mitterrand's initiative to relieve the debt problem of the world's poorest countries combines astute timing with his usual flair for public relations. But it could well be a catalyst for the long-desired special scheme to help the famine and poverty stricken countries of sub-Saharan Africa. It strongly echoes the plan put forward last year by Mr Nigel Lawson. Then, the Chancellor had seemed within an ace of winning the support of his fellow finance ministers at a meeting of the IMF in Washington. But decisions were put off.

Yesterday, after duly ensuring that no one was left in doubt of the initiative's true parentage, he was glad to seize on M. Mitterrand's proposal as evidence that the leaders of the world's seven top industrial nations, meeting in Toronto in nine days' time will finally agree on a debt programme for Africa. The high-profile French intervention, quickly endorsed by Mrs Thatcher, ensures that anything else will be seen as a failure.

The Chancellor's plan for relief on the official debt burden faced by sub-Saharan Africa contains three elements: converting government-to-government aid loans into grants, allowing longer repayment and grace periods for other official debts such as export credits and cutting the rates of interest. This last was the biggest stumbling block.

The United States, in particular, cited budget and legal objections to offering concessional interest rates, even on the debts of the world's poorest countries. There is also a risk of creating a precedent for the much larger private debts of Latin American countries. President Alfonsin of Argentina, which is soon to start a new round of talks on commercial bank loans, has called for a cut in interest rates to 4 per cent.

Last week, however, Mr James Baker, the finally threw his weight meeting of the African Development Bank in Abijan that the United States was now prepared to support both the idea of soft interest rates on loans to sub-Saharan Africa, and a substantial rescheduling of official debt.

M. Mitterrand's own plan offers three choices on official debt to around 25 African nations, mainly the former French colonies. The options are: cancelling one-third of official debt within the context of a rescheduling of payments over 10 years; extending maximum repayment periods from 20 to 25 years at market interest rates; or rescheduling debt on preferential interest rate terms but with a maximum repayment period of 15 years. This differs in detail rather than spirit from the original Lawson proposals, so there is every reason to expect an agreement on this issue in Toronto.

But it is important for the summit countries, several of which have already agreed concessionary deals with individual debtor nations, to emphasize that this general debt plan for the poorest is not transferable to negotiations with middle-income countries. Most Latin American debt is owed to the commercial banks. Western governments have allowed the banks to claim tax relief on write-offs of debt with these countries.

Considerable problems remain, but the steady, case-by-case approach to the debt problems of these middle income countries appears to be succeeding. It is equally important for the nations of sub-Saharan Africa to realize that, for all their natural and externally imposed difficulties, many of their problems have been self-inflicted. Some, particularly in West Africa, are making big economic adjustments. But debt relief only comes once and can too easily be frittered away unless they court private risk investment to add to the flow of aid.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Call for talks on Mid-East peace

From Professor Sir A. J. Ayer, FBA, and others

Sir, We are deeply concerned about the continuing unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Tens of Palestinians have been killed and hundreds injured by Israeli security forces in the worst outbreak of violence in the occupied territories since 1967.

The Palestinian uprising is a direct result of 20 years' occupation. This occupation has entailed denial of the Palestinian right to self-determination and has led to mass arrests, forced deportations, land expropriation and other restrictions on basic human rights.

We believe that continuation of the occupation will lead to more violence. We support a settlement based on mutual recognition between Israel and the Palestinians, and both sides' legitimate right to security and national self-determination.

We call for an end to the occupation and the convening of an international peace conference attended by all parties concerned including Israel and the PLO, issuing in security guarantees to be subscribed to by the United States of America and the Soviet Union and all others parties attending the conference.

Yours sincerely,
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June 7.

Longer jail terms

From the Director of Nacro

Sir, You report (June 6) that Home Office ministers have recently adopted a policy of increasing the minimum periods which prisoners convicted of murder must serve before being considered for release. This policy, which amounts to a lengthening of sentences by executive decree, will do nothing to reduce violent crime.

In considering the release of life sentence prisoners, the protection of the public must certainly be an overriding priority. The Home Secretary's new policy, however, will make no contribution to reducing violence in society.

Keeping in custody for 20 years prisoners who could safely be released after 12 or 15 will do nothing to increase public safety. It could, however, do a great deal to promote violence in prisons by people deprived of hope and with little to lose.

Yours faithfully,
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June 8.

Aftermath of wartime head injuries

From the Director of the MRC Neuropsychology Unit, Oxford

Sir, In the aftermath of *Tumbledown*, it might be helpful to look at some cold facts about wartime head injuries.

In the past two decades, my small MRC research team has had the privilege of examining between 200 and 300 men who incurred head injuries during World War II. Over 85 per cent of these men worked full-time until their retirement, despite severe injury.

The percentage of psychiatric disabilities has been remarkably low. It was estimated during the early phase after injury at less than 1 per cent and it remains at this level. These men show residual difficulties (for example, of language, memory, or spatial orientation) related to the area of damage, but perform as well as their non-injured peers on standard intelligence tests.

This pattern of recovery does not correspond with that emerging from studies of the Vietnam veterans for whom behavioural indices (percentages of unemployment, psychiatric disability, and court sentences) show a much less favourable outcome.

The conclusions seem inescapable. It is vital to distinguish between the primary effects of a focal brain injury in a healthy young adult and the powerful secondary impact of psychological and environmental factors.

World War II veterans shared a common incentive to protect their families, homes and backyard. They were provided with excellent medical care in the acute period after their injury and they were not subjected to civilian hostility from their compatriots. They belonged to a generation which did not take drugs, automatically seek psychiatric help or expect society to bail them out of difficulty.

They have displayed Aurelian qualities of stoicism and determination, coupled with a readiness to continue to serve medical science. Such is their loyalty, that a sizeable contingent returned to Oxford this week, on the anniversary of D-Day, to pay tribute to their early medical care at the Military Hospital for Head Injuries which the late Sir Hugh Cairns set up at St Hugh's College, Oxford (report, June 7). Many have chosen explicitly to regard their collaboration in follow-up research as "repayment" for that care.

It is possible that some especially gifted men, with a single, long-term goal and already on their way to achieving it, are particularly at risk, compared with those who left school at 14 and were obliged to take whatever employment came their way. One of the men in our group remarked of his permanent, left-sided paralysis that there were only two things that he could not do: peel potatoes and tie shoelaces.

Such superficial paradoxes point to the need for a science of rehabilitation, based on more advanced (and better funded) neuropsychological studies of brain and behaviour relationships and a more developed psychology of individual differences than are currently available. Simply increasing the number of specialist therapists does not meet the case.

Finally, intensive follow-up studies for research purposes are far from devoid of positive human commitment. The (so-called) "subjects" tend to appreciate the time and attention that can be accorded to them. Any human transaction (as the jargon has it) can involve genuine interest, concern, and exchange of advice; and the ex-patients can well become, at the very least, much valued collaborators.

Yours faithfully,
FREDA NEWCOMBE, Director,
MRC Neuropsychology Unit,
The Radcliffe Infirmary,
Woodstock Road, Oxford.
June 7.

From Dr H. F. Jarvie

Sir, As one who, perhaps more than most, has an understanding of the psychological effects of penetrating brain wounds, having personally examined over 70 men so-wounded in Oxford between 1951 and 1954, I would like to endorse what Dr Anthony Hopkins says in his letter (June 7) concerning Mr Robert Lawrence.

However there is another point that should be made. Among the complexity of factors that result in personality disturbance after brain injury the nature of the pre-injury personality is often all too relevant in the production of the subsequent change, either bringing to the surface personality traits previously well-controlled or by producing an exaggeration of the basic personality.

Something of that personality could be gleaned from the film; but was more explicitly stated (presumably with his knowledge and consent) in the issue of the *Radio Times* of May 28:

As a tearaway teenager in the action-man mould, he had left his Scottish public school, Fettes, by mutual consent.

No doubt a different type of person with a similar injury might not have produced so dramatic a change. Equally no one would want to "blame" Mr Lawrence for being the kind of man he was before being wounded, with qualities no doubt valued by the Brigade of Guards.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH JARVIE,
(consultant psychiatrist emeritus, Royal Liverpool Hospital),
Oakwood,
70 Plymyard Avenue,
Bromborough,
Wirral, Merseyside.

Freedom of the Soviet press

From the Chief Editor of Ekspress Khronika

Sir, I am most grateful to you for the attention you gave in a recent edition of *The Times* (June 4) to the events and problems which our weekly journal, *Ekspress Khronika*, deals with.

Ekspress Khronika is the only one in the USSR – that is a weekly independent newspaper – which publishes on its pages objective information about the violations of human rights and other difficult social problems. In its strict adherence to a timetable of publications (every Sunday) and the principle of setting out events of the past week, the publication is like a newspaper.

Ekspress Khronika would be a real newspaper if the USSR had freedom of the press and if the weekly had its own printing capacity. Unfortunately, however, the "*Gorbachov glasnost*" is only a social parody on true freedom of expression.

At present, *Ekspress Khronika* is published in 400 copies a week and we welcome any publication which reproduces our information on its pages. We have no commercial aims and see our task as giving readers objective information about events in our country. The use of our material by the western press and radio accords fully with our aims, the free and unhindered distribution of information.

My best regards to you and your readers.

ALEXANDR PODROBINEK,
Chief Editor,
Ekspress Khronika,
601010 Vladimir Region,
Kirzhach,
Kirova 14, USSR.
June 1.

University guide

From Mr Alex Coren

Sir, May I be allowed a brief comment on your interesting league table of universities (May 31).

It would be unfortunate if prospective students selected universities and specific courses solely on the basis of research funding, peer evaluation and the ability to attract research funding. Recent research conducted at this college on the adjustment of first-year students to college life would suggest that personal tutorial provision, the amount of small group teaching and the provision of assistance in adapting to new methods of study in higher education are the major factors which prospective students should take into account when considering course choices.

Yours sincerely,
ALEX COREN,
King's College London (KQC),
University of London,
Strand, WC2.
June 2.

Roads to nowhere

From Mr Andy Clarke

Sir, John Banham must expect to see the Team Zoyland cyclists who beat a 38-tonne road tanker in a road race from Bristol to Poole ("Britain's road to nowhere", June 4) extend their winning margin if he continues to advocate the absurd and outdated policies of the road lobby.

We can only hope that he and his allies in the road construction and use industries will eventually admit that massive road building projects do not relieve congestion, or have anything but a minimal (2½ per cent) effect on transport costs – before our urban and rural environment disappears under more concrete and unwanted traffic.

Radical solutions are indeed needed to solve our pressing transport problems. Vision 2010, the youth section of the CBI, has identified the abolition of the inequitable company car subsidy as an important step. This £2.3 billion annual Treasury hand-out encourages floods of unnecessary traffic to add to the enormous costs of congestion, pollution and danger.

Mr Banham gives cursory consideration to the potential which rail investment has to stimulate and regenerate the economy. He fails to suggest that the weekly £3 million reduction in support for BR should be reversed by the Government.

Yours faithfully,
ANDY CLARKE,
Friends of the Earth Limited,
26-28 Underwood Street, N1.

Measures of health

From Dr W. M. O. Moore

Sir, The Master of Churchill College (June 3) explained why the debate about expenditure on the nation's health should focus on outcome, and gave examples of how increasing expenditure did not actually improve matters. The outcome of antenatal care in inner city Manchester does not justify the belief that there is a close causal relationship between more spending on hospital-based services and the outcome of pregnancy.

In spite of massive investment in perinatal technology and the appointment of more consultants than in any other district in England, the incidence of low birthweight (which accounts for two thirds of perinatal morbidity and mortality) remains much higher than in the other districts of the north-western region whose expenditure is much less. Pouring more money into inner city maternity hospitals is not the answer.

Obstetrics should for the most part be family-centred and community-based, the hospital being used as a referral centre for those who need the skills of specialists. Only the midwife living and working in the community can reach out and identify those most vulnerable, the young, the malnourished, and the unsupported.

Even if she does not go on to manage the birth in hospital, the midwife remains responsible for preparing a mother to take responsibility for her child in an environment where one child in three is reared without the security of two parents.

Because hospital-based doctors dominate the clinical advice given to health authorities, reallocation of resources from the hospital to the community cannot be expected. That task belongs to the political masters. At the very least, Government should test the hypothesis that community-based prenatal care is more appropriate in the inner city.

Yours faithfully,
W. M. O. MOORE
(consultant obstetrician),
St Mary's Hospital,
Manchester.
June 6.

GCSE standards

From Mrs M. J. B. Sowler

Sir, Yesterday, as a mature student in the company of some 200 young people, I sat paper 3 of GCSE mathematics. I hasten to inform your readers who may have been misled by Dr Shaw (June 7) that it was *not* easy. Indeed, it is comforting to learn that paper 4, which we have not yet taken, is going to be straight forward.

It is surely at A level that the budding mathematician should come into his own. Were the standards of A-level mathematics to fall, that would certainly give Dr Shaw and all of us cause for concern at the well-being of the nation's scientific-based industries and enterprise.

GCSE, on the other hand is meant to be a mark of "ordinary" education, and, provided careful notice is taken by future employers and other interested persons of the grade obtained, I believe that the maths GCSE in its present form fulfils that criterion admirably.

Yours faithfully,
MARION J. B. SOWLER,
Unthank Hall,
Haltwhistle, Northumberland.
June 7.

Patients' notes

From Mr J. Blok

Sir, There is an urgent need to look at another aspect of patients' records (letters, May 26 and June 2) which could and should be implemented quickly. At present, if a patient moves to a new area and registers with a new doctor, the new doctor forwards the registration to the local area family practitioner committee which in turn communicates with the central register, which then passes the matter to the previous doctor's FPC, which finally approaches the previous doctor.

This busy person in due course forwards the records to his or her area FPC, which sends them on to the central register, which relays them to the new area FPC, which delivers the treasure to the new doctor. Six months is considered a normal time for this whole process! Six months, Sir, for a process which could and should only require a week or thereabouts were the records sent directly from doctor to doctor, the FPCs and central register being informed at the same time.

Yours truly,
J. BLOK,
5 The Hill, Aynho,
Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Rescue alarms

From the Director General of Help the Aged

Sir, The simple solution to dangerous falls in the home, to which Mr Peter Stock refers (June 3) is available in this country through many local authorities and Help the Aged's community alarms programme. For the last few years we have been raising funds for the installation of emergency alarm telephone units in the homes of elderly people who would not otherwise be able to afford to have them. The unit is connected to the telephone network and can act as a telephone in the usual way.

The UK control centres to which the telephones are connected are usually run by local authorities. The operators are highly trained and supported by computer technology, so that when a call is received full details of the caller (medical history, key holder, names and addresses of GPs and close relatives) are projected on a visual display unit before the controller's eyes.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MAYO, Director General,
Help the Aged,
St James's Walk, EC1.

Lottery obstacles

From Mr L. A. A. Shaw

Sir, The letter from Rosie Barnes, MP (June 2) stated "many obstacles have been placed in the path of establishing an NHS lottery", whereas, of course, the obstacles were already there in the form of the 1976 Lotteries and Amusements Act. Mrs Barnes failed to state that the problem with the proposed lottery was that it attempted to circumvent present legislation with regard to prize money and came close to actually breaking the law by marketing a lottery prior to becoming registered to promote one.

Whilst we may admire the initiative of the NHS promoters and welcome the assistance such a lottery could give to NHS funding, we cannot condone the path they have chosen to take. Arts, charities and sporting bodies could all benefit from a relaxation in the lottery laws; but any amendment restricted to a particular activity would only lead to unfair disadvantage for those already established and to attempts to raise money through lotteries for the benefit of both local and national causes. We would urge the secretary of state to take everything into consideration rather than be hurried into any piecemeal decision, however emotional.

Yours faithfully,
TONY SHAW (Chairman, The Lotteries Council),
4 Lichfield Way,
Selsdon, South Croydon, Surrey.

Sleep no more

From Mr John McAnally

Sir, Simon Callow's amusing tale of the National Theatre box office (Diary, June 2) reminds me of an exchange which I overheard in a commercial theatre.

The legendary rudeness of West End box office staff becomes even more pronounced when their theatre's show is a hit and tickets become sought after. I was in the queue for just such a play when the lady in front of me – mindful of the NT's reduced-price standby tickets – asked: "Do you do anything for senior citizens?"

"Certainly, madam," came the crisp reply, "we wake them up in the interval".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN McANALLY,
37B Harold Road, SE19.
June 2.

Teething troubles

From Mrs Anne R. Bradford

Sir, Is there a conspiracy among toothbrush manufacturers and packaging designers?

I am having great difficulty in finding a toothbrush with a handle which is not too wide or too knobbly to go into the standard toothbrush rack, and as they are packaged with only the head visible I have a growing stock of unusable brushes.

Yours faithfully,
ANNE R. BRADFORD,
49 Lyonsdown Avenue,
New Barnet, Hertfordshire.
June 3.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE:
June 9: Sir Walter Verco had the honour of being received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Secretary of the Most Noble Order of the Garter and delivered up the Badge and Chain of Office.

Mr Hubert Chesshyre had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon his appointment as Secretary of the Most Noble Order of the Garter when The Queen handed him the Badge and Chain of Office.

Mr S. J. Barrett was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Warsaw.

Mrs Barrett had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Mr Justice Morritt had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were present this evening at Beat Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Royal Marines on Horse Guards Parade where his Royal Highness, Captain-General of the Royal Marines, took the Salute.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Colonel Seymour Gilbart-Denham, Captain Andrew Johnston and Major Rowan Jackson, RM, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, visited Cambridge University today and conferred Honorary Degrees.

His Royal Highness, attended by Major Rowan Jackson, RM, returned to Buckingham Palace in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess Royal this morning opened the British Airways World Cargo Centre at Heathrow Airport, London, and was received by the Chairman, British Airways (the Lord King of Wartnaby).

Her Royal Highness, President, the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, later attended the Council's Annual General Meeting and luncheon at the Berkeley Hotel, London SW1.

The Princess Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, this afternoon attended part of a Study Day held at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, London E1, on "The Quality of Life Through Sport."

Her Royal Highness, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, subsequently held a reception at Buckingham Palace.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Beaverbrook (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the arrival of The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and welcomed His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 9: The Prince of Wales, Patron, the Rainbow Boats Trust, this morning launched the Radio Oxford Narrowboat on the Oxford Canal at St Edward's School, Oxford.

His Royal Highness later visited the Rover Group at Cowley, Oxford.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Mr Gerard Ward and the Hon Rupert Fairfax, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess of Wales this afternoon attended the departure of the Handicapped Children's Boat Trip, organized by the Miss Deptford's Carnival Fund, from Greenwich Pier, King William Walk, Greenwich, London SE10.

The Hon Mrs Vivian Baring and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, were in attendance.

June 9: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon opened the McKay VC Memorial Cottages, built by the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops, at Hoyland Nether, near Barnsley.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival at Royal Air Force Finningley by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Yorkshire (Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Neill).

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lady Aird.

June 9: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was present at a Service to mark the Golden Jubilee of Pensioners' Voice which was held in Westminster Abbey at noon today.

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester today visited Hydraulics Research, Wallingford, Oxford.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
June 9: Princess Alexandra this morning reviewed the Founder's Day Parade at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, received Major-General D. E. Miller on relinquishing the appointment as Colonel of the Regiment and Major-General R. J. Hodges upon assuming this appointment.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, will visit the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) at Carver Barracks, Saffron Walden, at 11.30. The Princess Royal, Patron of the Home Farm Trust, will open the trust's new satelite home, Roseville, Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Gloucestershire, at 10.35; as President of the British Olympic Association, will attend a reception and luncheon given by the Staffordshire, Warwickshire and West Midlands British Olympic Appeal Group at the Metropole Hotel, the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, at noon; will open the Walsall Leather Centre, Wisemore, at 2.40; and will attend a dinner given by Lloyd's at Lime Street at 8.00 to celebrate their tercentenary year.

Princess Margaret will visit the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Show at Wadebridge at noon.

The Duke of Gloucester, patron, will present the ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) awards at the Royal College of Physicians at 10.55.

Princess Alexandra, Deputy Honorary Colonel, will attend a twenty first anniversary reception and dinner given by the Royal Yeomanry at Merchant Taylors' Hall at 6.45.

Appointments

Mr Mervyn Heald, QC to be a Social Security Commissioner.

Mr R Cona to be a Registrar in the Principal Registry of the Family Division of the High Court from June 6.

Mr R J Carrick to be Assistant Under-Secretary of State (Economic) in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Luncheons

Lord Auckland
Lord Auckland entertained members of the Blacksmiths' Company at luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday.

Lunchtime Comment Club
Mrs Edwina Currie, MP, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club held yesterday at the Connaught Rooms. Mr William Home, chairman, presided.

Management Consultancies Association
Mr Peter Benton, Director General of the British Institute of Management, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Management Consultancies Association, at the Oxford and Cambridge University Club yesterday. Mr Jim Donaldson, chairman of the association, presided.

Service luncheon

19th King George V's Own Lancers
Brigadier John Woodroffe presided at the annual luncheon of the 19th King George V's Own Lancers held yesterday at the St Ermin's Hotel.

Royal College of Physicians

Among the new Fellows admitted by the President, Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, to the Royal College of Physicians of London on June 9 were:

Dr Ernest Fasties as an honorary fellow and, under special bye-law, Dr D A Denton (University of Melbourne). Dr V W M Drury, (President of the Royal College of General Practitioners), Dr Fang Zhou (President of the Peking Union Medical College and the Chinese Academy of Medical Science), Dr A G Lindesay Clark (President of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians), Dr Alex Muller (Geneva University) and Dr Rudi Schmid (University of California).

Queen Sirikit of Thailand was admitted to the Honorary Fellowship by Sir Raymond Hoffenberg at the Grand Palace in Bangkok on May 1.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Short, optician and astronomer, Edinburgh, 1710; Gustave Courbet, painter and socialist, Ornans, France, 1819; Sir Edwin Arnold, poet and scholar, Gravesend, 1832; Nicholaus Otto, pioneer of the internal combustion engine, Holzhausen, Germany, 1832; Sir Terence Rattigan, dramatist, London, 1911; Judy Garland, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, 1922.

DEATHS: Frederick I, "Barbarossa", Holy Roman Emperor 1152-90, Armenia, 1190; Luis de Camoens, poet, Lisbon, 1580; George I, reigned 1714-27, Osnabruck, Germany, 1727; André-Marie Ampère, physicist, Marseille, 1836; Richard John Seddon, prime minister of New Zealand 1893-1906, at sea, 1906; Pierre Loti, novelist, Hendaye, France, 1923; Giacomo Matteotti, anti-Fascist, murdered, Rome, 1924; Frederick Delius, Grez-sur-Loing, France, 1934; Sir Robert Borden, prime minister of Canada 1911-20, Ottawa, 1937.

The Duke of Edinburgh celebrates his birthday today.

Birthdays today

Mr Leonard Badham, former vice-chairman, J. Lyons and Company, 65; Mr W.G. Barr, former Rector, Exeter College, Oxford, 71; Mr Saul Bellow, writer, 73; the Right Rev L.W. Brown, former Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, 76; Sir Bryan Cartledge, diplomat, 57; Mr Robert Eddison, actor, 80; Sir Brinsley Ford, former chairman, National Art-Collections Fund, 80; Mr Justice Peter Gibson, 54; Mr Graham Carleton Greene, publisher, 52; Sir William G. Harris, civil engineer, 76; Sir Arthur Hawkins, former chairman, CEGB, 75; Dr Polly Hill, anthropologist, 74; Mr Lionel Jeffries, actor, 62; Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman, Mirror Group Newspapers, 65; Sir Geoffrey Otton, civil servant, 61; Sir John Stradling Thomas, MP, 63; Major-General Michael Walsh, former Chief Scout, 61; the Ven C. Witton-Davies, Archdeacon Emeritus of Oxford, 75.

Royal Marines Beating Retreat

The Queen yesterday attended the ceremony of Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Royal Marines on Horse Guards Parade, at which the Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General Royal Marines, took the salute. Also present were the Princess of Wales, Prince William, Prince Henry and Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon.

After the ceremony the Commandant General Royal Marines held a reception at Durbar Court, in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street. The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General Royal Marines, and the Secretary of State for Defence and Mrs George Younger were present. Other guests included:

The Ambassador of Norway and Mrs Busch, the Ambassador of Spain and Señora Puig de la Bellacasa, Mr and Mrs Raymond Seitz, the Earl and Countess of Morley, Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP, and Lady Biggs-Davison, Mr Roger Freeman, MP, and Mrs Freeman, Admiral of the Fleet Sir John and Lady Fieldhouse, the Commandant United States Marine Corps and Mrs Alfred Gray, the Chief of the Swedish Navy and Mrs Bengt Schuback, the Commandant Royal Netherlands Marine Corps and Mrs Willem Van Breukelen, the Commandant General Infanteria De Marina and Mrs Octavio Alaez Rodriguez, Admiral Sir William and Lady Staveley, General Sir Nigel and Lady Bagnall, General Sir Richard and Lady Vincent, Admiral Sir Richard and Lady Fitch, Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick and Lady Hine, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Macdonald, Vice-Admiral Sir Derek and Lady Reffell, Lady (Norman) Tallyour, Air Marshal Sir David and Lady Parry-Evans, Vice-Admiral Sir Jeremy and Lady Black, Vice-Admiral Sir Benjamin and Lady Bathurst, Lieutenant-General Sir Antony and Lady Walker, Lieutenant-General Sir Patrick and Lady Palmer, the Ven Noel Jones (Chaplain of the Fleet) and Mrs Jones, Rear-Admiral and Mrs Michael Livesay, Rear-Admiral and Mrs Brian Brown, Rear-Admiral and Mrs Alan Grose, Major-General and Mrs Christopher Airy, Major-General and Mrs Ian Baxter, Commissioner and Mrs Peter Imbert, Brigadier and Mrs Michael Wilkes, Brigadier and Mrs Mike Rose, Brigadier Charles Millman, Dr Anne Riches, Deputy Commissioner and Mrs John Dellow, Mr Keith Speed, MP, and Mrs Speed, Dr and Mrs Tim Trippier, MP, and Mrs Trippier, the Lord Mayor (acting Queen's Remembrancer) and Mrs John Bull, Colonel Baron and Baroness De Geer, Colonel Ronald Oates, USMC, and Mrs Oates, Colonel and Mrs John Holman, Captain and Mrs Paul Haussen, the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset and Mrs Geoffrey Luttrell, Mrs Susan Crosland, Major Rowan Jackson, RM, Major Earl De Vesci, USMC, Major Fernando Diaz, Commander Peter Hore, RN, Commander and Mrs Lee Johnson, USN, Captain Eric Blomefield, RNLMC, the Master of the Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company, Mr Mark Tollit, the Master of the Publishers' Company, and Mrs Trevor Spicer, Sergeant Major of the United States Marine Corps and Mrs Sommers, Regimental Sergeant Major and Mrs Holland.

Bridge

The Lady Milne trophy for the womens' home counties bridge international series was comprehensively won by Wales at the Mill Hotel, Sudbury.

Scores: 1 Wales, 172; 2 Scotland, 133; 3 England, 131; 4 Northern Ireland, 98

Teams: Wales: Mrs J Casey, Mrs M Pierce; Mrs J Newton, Miss J Newton, Dr A Hirst, Mrs D Kurbalija, npc J Poole.

Scotland: Mrs M Alexander, Mrs I Sleeh, Mrs M Hill, Miss K Malcolm; Mrs E McGowan, Mrs B Power, npc W F Mitchell.

England: Miss M Brunner, Mrs S Lady; Mrs G Duckworth, Mrs Hayes; Mrs S Penfold, Mrs M Dennison, npc G G Endicott.

Northern Ireland: Mrs M Andrew, Mrs D Sloane; Mrs S Brown, Mrs M Johnston; Mrs M Curran, Mrs M Nimmons, npc I Lindsay.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host yesterday at a dinner held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of Tanzania and Mrs Mwinyi. The other guests were:

Mr Benjamin W Makapa, Mrs Asha Bakari Makame, the Commissioner for Tanzania and Mrs Nyakyi, Ambassador Joshua W Opanga, Mr T M Kibwana, Mr W K Tlosijuka, Mr A M Danda, Professor Dorothy Lord and Lady Young of Graffham, Mr John MacGregor, MP, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, MP, and Mrs Rifkind, Mr Clive Landa and Mrs Lynda Challen, MP, the Bishop of Coventry and Mrs Barrington-Ward, Lord Kinderslev, Baroness Carnegy of Lour, Lord and Lady Moore of Wolvercote, Mr Peter Shore, MP, and Dr Shore, Mr David Steel, MP, and Mrs Steel, Mr Leon Brittan, MP, Mr George and Lady Blunden, Professor and Mrs P G T Halliday, Mr and Mrs Andy Chande, Mr M J Hussey, Mr and Mrs Michael Angus, Dr and Mrs N Smith, Mr George Simpson, Mr and Mrs Peter Leslie, Mr William Cash, MP, and Mrs Cash, Mr and Mrs George Moody-Stuart, Mr and Mrs Charles Wilson, Professor and Mrs Anthony Low, Dr Anne Thurston, Sir Patrick and Lady Wright, Mr and Mrs John Calnes, Mr and Mrs C H Imray, Professor and Mrs Brian Griffiths and Mr and Mrs Charles Powell.

Broderers' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was entertained at dinner last night at Mercers' Hall by Major Gerald Charrington, Master of the Broderers' Company, Mr Keith Motley, Warden, and Mr Tertius Metcalf, Renter Warden. The Bishop of Brentwood was a speaker and the Masters of the Insurers' and Parish Clerks' Companies were among others present.

Lucifer Golfing Society
Mr Denis Allport, Captain of the Lucifer Golfing Society, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel. The principal speakers were Mr William C. Campbell, Captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, and Mr Patrick Shovelton, Captain of the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club. The High Commissioners for Nigeria, Kenya and Malawi were among those present.

Reception

High Table Limited
A reception was held at Vintners' Hall last night to celebrate the twenty first anniversary of High Table Limited.

Service dinners

Indian Cavalry Officers Association
Brigadier John Woodroffe presided at the annual dinner of the Indian Cavalry Officers Association held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Lieutenant-Colonel M.S. Jameson was the guest of honour.

Skinner's Horse
Officers of Skinner's Horse (First Duke of York's Own Cavalry) and their ladies held their annual regimental luncheon at the Cavalry and Guards Club yesterday. Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Gray presided.

RAF Chaplains
The Rev J.E. Daimond, Principal of the RAF Chaplains' School, presided at the annual guest night dinner of the RAF Chaplains' branch held last night at Amport House, Andover. Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, RAF Strike Command, was the guest of honour. The Ven G.R. Renowden, Chaplain-in-Chief, RAF, received the guests.

Edgehill College, Bideford, Devon

The Governors are pleased to announce the following Scholarships and Exhibition for entry September 1988:

8+ Exhibition: Emily Cockrill from Edgehill Junior.
13+ Scholarship: Kerry Popplewell from St John's School, Sidmouth.
16+ Scholarships: Amanda Purdue and Shirley Benney, both from Edgehill.

Highgate School

The Governors of Highgate School are pleased to announce that they have appointed Mr Richard Kennedy, at present Deputy Headmaster of Bishop's Stortford College, to succeed Mr Roy Giles as Head Master in September 1989.

Rugby School

The following Entrance Scholarships have been awarded:

A.Q. Broadbent, Packwood Haugh, Shrewsbury; M.D. Woolley, Cathedral School, Llandaff; J.T. Avery, Emscote Lawn, Warwick; P.D. Chambers, Packwood Haugh; J.N. Reed, Lawrence Sheriff and Rugby School; S.J. Patel, Westbourne School, Sheffield; B.J. Cawdron, St Piran's, Maidenhead; R.M. Sevadasan, St Bede's Wolseley Bridge, Stafford; M.S. McClellan, Great Houghton, Northampton and St David's, Huddersfield: Music Scholarships: R. O'Neill, Westminster Abbey Choir School; J. Davies, Edge Grove, Aldenham. Talbot Kelly Art Scholarship: R.F. Tuthill, Beachborough, Brackley.

Retirements

The Bishop of Blackburn, The Rt Rev Stewart Cross, is to retire for health reasons on October 31. Earlier this year he had an operation for a liver tumour.

His Honour Judge Jalland has retired from the Northern Circuit Bench.

Memorial service

Sir Leslie Bowes
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Leslie Bowes was held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev Basil Watson officiated. Mr Christopher Rawson and Mr Ralph Emery, Chairman of the Canning Club, read the lessons and Sir Brian Shaw, chairman Furness Withy Group, gave an address. Among those present were:

Lady Bowes (widow), Mr and Mrs Christopher Hambley Brown and Mr and Mrs William Laing (sons-in-law and daughters), Miss Jacqueline Bowes, Miss Susan Laing and Mr and Mrs Peter Sommer (grandchildren), Christopher and John Sommer (great grandchildren).

The Earl of Dartmouth, the Earl of Inchcape, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Viscount Leathers, Lord and Lady McFadzean, Sir John Nicholson, Sir Ralph Perring, Sir John and Lady Hall, Sir Berkeley and Lady Gage, Lady Shaw, Lady Scott Fox, Sir David Tibbits, Captain Sir Miles Wingate, Lady Rennie, Sir Norman Statham, Sir William Harding (chairman, Brazilian Chamber of Commerce and Anglo-Peruvian Society) and Lady Harding, Rear-Admiral Sir Morgan Morgan-Giles.

Mr H G Davy (representing the president, General Council of British Shipping), Mr Andrew Arnold (Warden also representing the Shipwrights' Company), Mr P H Balmer (Anglo-Columbia Society and De La Rue), Miss Morven Hutchison (representing Canning House and the Anglo-Portuguese Society), Mr J R G Flynn (vice-president, Hispanic and Luso Music Scholarships; R. O'Neill, Westminster Abbey Choir School; J. Davies, Edge Grove, Aldenham. Talbot Kelly Art Scholarship; R.F. Tuthill, Beachborough, Brackley.

ANSWERS

3 Maria, 4 Vrooman, 5 Heathrow, 6 Barrie, 7 Akenaten, 8 Gurdjieff, 9 Yin/ Elegies, 10 Absinthe.
Eight: 1 Bees, 2 Townend/ Town End, 3 Liverpool, 4 Andrew, 5 Refrigeration, 6 Cesarewitch, 7 London, 8 Krypton, 9 Forty-four, 10 Sloth.
Nine: 1 Sunlight, 2 Felix, 3 Earthquake, 4 Pianist, 5 Tesla, 6 Uccello, 7 Harp, 8 Buttercup, 9 Fatima, 10 Nitrogen.
Ten: 1 Swallowtail, 2 Tachometer, 3 Hobbs, 4 Pasta, 5 Cello, 6 Olney, 7 Gregory, 8 Lot, 9 Blunt, 10 Isherwood.
Eleven: 1 Gryce, 2 Killanin, 3 Chouans, 4 Stitch, 5 Nylon, 6 Tyrian/ Tyre, 7 Argo, 8 Victoria, 9 Byron, 10 Oradour.
Twelve: 1 Forty-two, 2 Potato, 3 Richelieu, 4 Eton, 5 Abydos, 6 Inro, 7 Pontiff, 8 Soufflot, 9 Severn, 10 Nicholas.
Thirteen: 1 Stevenson, 2 Metope, 3 And/ Last, 4 Guitar, 5 Hickok, 6 Needlepoint, 7 Oyster, 8 Queen, 9 Stourhead, 10 Ubu.
Fourteen: 1 Maclou, 2 Handles, 3 Janacek, 4 Telescopes, 5 Eighteen, 6 Easter, 7 Diamir, 8 Hershey, 9 Ostrich, 10 Holden.
Fifteen: 1 Glass, 2 Bellingham, 3 Louisiana, 4 Holmium, 5 Seahorse, 6 Velocity, 7 Sloane, 8 Hungary, 9 Newton, 10 Jeanneret.
Sixteen: 1 Bullhead/ Bullrout, 2 Simony, 3 Lewisite, 4 Zebedee, 5 Couturier, 6 Sewing, 7 Schwanhardt, 8 Bastille, 9 Photography, 10 Colombia.
Seventeen: 1 Howe, 2 Tuyère, 3 Avarice, 4 Brown, 5 Hohmann, 6 Zemstvo, 7 Meredith, 8 Pope, 9 Gloucester, 10 Cameron.
Eighteen: 1 Darley, 2 Gin, 3 Orsat, 4 Conservative, 5 Cicero, 6 Pigott, 7 Granada, 8 Opie, 9 Venice, 10 Boots.

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Winning through: an ingenious half dozen

Of the six winners of *The Times's* Ingenuity competition, Jerry Whitmarsh, a 37-year-old manager in the strategic planning unit of National Westminster Bank, came closest to answering correctly all 180 questions. He got just two of them wrong, while his five fellow winners tripped up on between three and six.

All are to receive fibred leather sets of *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. The other five are: Barry Coates of Bournemouth; Brian Collins of Winchester; Nancy, Lady Henley, of Bath; Robin Johnson of Wimborne, Dorset; and Mrs Pat Raderecht of Bath.



Whitmarsh: worked up to three hours a day on the quiz

For Whitmarsh, who lives in Maidstone, Kent, it is a case of second time lucky; earlier this year he failed by just four points to reach the final section of *The Times* Tournament of the Mind. Like that competition, Ingenuity attracted an enthusiastic entry, but only a hard core of determined contestants managed to stay the course of 10 questions a day for 18 days.

It proved to be an exacting test, not only of general knowledge but also of reference techniques, and most of the winners found themselves spending up to three hours a day in pursuit of the answers. Like the Tournament of the Mind winner, half of those who succeeded have had considerable professional experience with computers.

Most admit that they did not crack it alone. In the case of Whitmarsh help came from his wife. "Actually, she probably put in just as much time as I did. There were certain questions which she could get on with at home during the day. I was very fortunate in having two excellent libraries, the Barbican and the Guildhall, near where I work, and could sometimes get along to them at lunchtime."

Another, Nancy, Lady Henley, said she was delighted to be among the winning few. "I remember that, at the start, the reference library in Bath seemed to be full of people who were trying to find answers to the questions . . . in some respects it had the same sort of appeal as a crossword, except that with this you didn't have the grid to help you."

Some of the questions threw up unexpected contentions, as Robin Sales, public relations manager for Encyclopaedia Britannica, the co-organizer of the competition, explained.

"Take the question on day seven, for example, the one-word title of the work that won an important prize for verse in 1985. What we wanted was *Yin*, which had won the Pulitzer, but when a contestant offered the answer *Elegies*, we had to allow it. It had been awarded a Whitbread prize, which was actually given in 1986, but it was *for* the previous year."

Then there was the even thornier matter of the pile of bricks in the Tate Gallery. In answer to the question of what was used for the exhibit by the sculptor Carl André, many offered simply "bricks", whereas the answer required was firebricks. This was perhaps a little harsh, but the question setter was adamant.

The setter in question is Ann Meo, a veteran compiler for television quiz programmes. "The winners deserve a great deal of credit; this was a very demanding set of questions. There were certain ones which, unless you had some inkling of the answer, must have taken tremendous perseverance to get."

Alan Franks

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.S.J. Bevan
and Miss S.F. Owen
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Bevan, of Croscombe, near Wells, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Owen, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Mr C.V. Birdie
and Miss L.M.C. McWilliam
The engagement is announced between Charles Vincent, younger son of Mr and Mrs Edward Birdie, of Tuckahoe, New York, and Lesley Margaret Lorimer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Harcourt McWilliam, of Boat of Garten, Inverness-shire.

Mr W.R. Duncumb
and Miss M.A. Chan
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs K.W. Duncumb, of Bagendon, Gloucestershire, and Mary, daughter of the late Mr Augustine Chan and of Mrs Agnes Chan, of Taiping, Malaysia.

Mr H.J. Loonstein
and Miss C.A. Messenger
The engagement is announced between Han, only son of the late Mr S. Loonstein and of Mrs B.K. Loonstein-de Beer, of Amsterdam, and Claire, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Messenger, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.P. Nelmes
and Miss F.J. Nalder
The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Nelmes, of Gardeners, Hatfield Peverel, Essex, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Nalder, of The Red House, Underriver, Kent.

Mr N.J.R. Poole
and Miss H.R. Chewter
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Poole, of Ditcham Park, Petersfield, Hampshire, and Hazel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Chewter, of East Grinstead, West Sussex.

Mr D.H. Sexton
and Miss E.C. Crichton-Miller
The engagement is announced between David Howard, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Sexton, of Plains Farm, Boxted, Colchester, and Emma Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Crichton-Miller, of London, W8.

Mr A. Small
and Miss D. Gardner-Brown
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of the late Mr Geoffrey Small and of Mrs Michael Reeder, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Diana, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jock Gardner-Brown, of Oxshott, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr A.P. Peirse-Duncombe
and Miss P.C. Yates
The marriage took place at St Helens Church, Cornhill-on-Tweed, on June 4, between Mr Alastair Peter Peirse-Duncombe, elder son of Major and Mrs A.D. Peirse-Duncombe, of Gattonside, Melrose, and Miss Penelope Charlotte Yates, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E.B. Yates, of Heaton Mill, Northumberland.

The bride was attended by Juliet Baird, Hannah Palmer and Laura Warwick. Mr Richard Peirse-Duncombe was best man.

A reception was held at the Tillmouth Park Hotel.

Mr E.C.H. O'Neale
and Mrs A. Carruthers
The marriage took place quietly at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, on Friday, June 3, 1988, of Mr Eugene Charles Henry O'Neale, son of Mr and Mrs Henry O'Neale, of Wimborne Minster, Dorset; to Mrs Ali Carruthers, daughter of Mrs Mary Drysdale, of Dunblane, Perthshire. Father John Tracy, SJ, officiated.

The honeymoon will be spent in France.

University news

Cambridge
Elections
Darwin College
Research fellowships from October 1:
M-W Wang, MD (Charles & Katharine Darwin Research Fellow in Animal Physiology), Carole A Jones, PhD (Physics), J W McAllister, MA (Philosophy of Science), S Wimperis, BA (Organic Chemistry), P Withers, BA (Materials Science & Metallurgy).

Jesus College
Honorary Fellowships: Mr Samuel Brittan, Sir Peter Gadsden, Sir Hector Laing.
Fellowship in Class II: Mrs J M Soskice, BA (Cornell), MA (Sheffield), DPhil (Oxford).

Reading
Dr Derek J. Croome to be professor of construction engineering from 1 October 1988.

London
Wye College appointment
Conferment of title of professor on Ian A. M. Lucas, Principal of Wye College.

Newcastle
Professor Duncan Murchison to be Pro-Vice-Chancellor from October 1, 1988.

Kent
Appointments
Professor Keith Gull, professor of cell biology, to be Director of Biological Laboratory for three years from August 1.
The title of honorary professor of law has been conferred on M Pierre Drai, Premier President of the French Court of Appeal in Paris, from June 1.
The title of honorary reader in law has been conferred on Dr Jeremy Phillips, Managing Director of International Publishing.
Dr Dorothy Goldman, lecturer in literature in the school of continuing education, has been appointed deputy director of the school from April 1.
The title and status of professor of East European history is conferred on Dr R J Crampton, previously senior lecturer in history, from June 1.
Dr Brian Rutherford, senior lecturer in accounting, has been appointed Professor of Accounting from September 1.

Stirling
Dr Harold Thimbleby to be professor of information technology from September 1988.

Polytechnic news

Coventry
Dr Julia Bailey, senior lecturer in law at Manchester Polytechnic, to be head of department of legal studies. She will take up her post on September 1.

OBITUARY

PROF DUDLEY EDWARDS

Freeing Irish history from nationalist myths

Professor Dudley Edwards, who died in Dublin on June 5 aged 78, was the founding figure of modern Irish historiography and the inspiration of a whole generation of historians.

As befitted such a man he was cast in a massive mould, physically as well as mentally. A huge, leonine head with towering brow, deep-set eyes and flowing white mane was set on a torso which gave him more the appearance of a boxer than a scholar.

The child of an English father and of a keenly nationalist and feminist Irish mother, he was reared and educated in Dublin during the years of the struggle for the Free State. But he became neither ardently nationalist nor Anglophile. It may well have been that his resistance to such emotive cultural pressures first forged in him that rigorous passion for objectivity which guided him throughout his life.

His outstanding work was *Church and State in Tudor Ireland*, the book which first freed Irish history from the tyranny of nationalist mythology: it was originally the dissertation for his doctorate at King's College, London, in 1933.

He had begun with a brilliant undergraduate career at University College Dublin. He swept all before him in history and became auditor of the Literary and Historical Society – UCD's equivalent of the Union at Oxford or Cambridge. And the skills of the debater formed part of the armoury which made him so formidable an antagonist in historical disputation.

Edwards was not yet 30 when, in 1938, in cooperation with T. W. Moody, he founded *Irish Historical Studies*. IHS became the premier journal of Irish historical scholarship.

In 1945 he became Professor of Modern Irish History at University College, Dublin, a post he occupied until 1979.

Throughout these decades Edwards was an emancipating intellectual influence for generations of undergraduates at UCD.

Edwards's later publications were not commensurate with his talent. He became, perhaps, too perfectionist to commit himself to exposure on a broad canvas.

It was as a teacher that his influence was greatest. His generosity of spirit was extravagant and many of his best ideas were cast as pearls before callow students who flourished and triumphed on so rich a diet.

But the influence of Edwards as a teacher was no greater than the influence of Edwards as boon companion.

Dining or drinking with him was a test of character. For the smug, the pompous, the hypocritical, the deferential or, above all, for the prim, it was a nightmare. For those less mean-minded and more staunch of spirit it was a joy and a celebration.

In the last years celebrations increasingly acquired a legendary aura, never more so than three weeks ago in Carlingford where Irish historians foregathered in Edwards company in a conference to mark the 50th anniversary of Irish Historical Studies.

Dudley Edwards founded and was the first director of the Archives Department of UCD, for which he acquired many of the most important private collections of papers bearing on the history of 20th century Ireland – a task demanding supreme tact and diplomacy given the sensitivity still surrounding the civil war.

What he did for Irish history and historiography from the 1930s to the 1960s, he did for the cause of archives in Ireland in the 1970s and 1980s.

It was appropriate that only last week Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, finally signed the order bringing the new National Archives Act into operation; that Act was the culmination of his life's work.

He married, in 1933, Sheila O'Sullivan, a Celtic scholar. She died three years ago. He leaves three children – Mary; Owen, an historian at Edinburgh University); and Ruth, the biographer of Patrick Pearse and of Victor Gollancz.

ELLA RAINES

Ella Raines, who enjoyed a short but successful reign as a leading lady of American films in the 1940s, has died in Los Angeles at the age of 67.

She was best known for *Phantom Lady*, one of the classic thrillers of the period, in which she played the mysterious friend of the hero (Franchot Tone), who finds himself accused of murder.

Her other leading men included Charles Laughton in *The Suspect*, John Wayne in *Tall in the Saddle* and George Sanders in *The Strange Affair of Uncle Harry*. She was also in the Preston Sturges comedy, *Hail the Conquering Hero*.

She gave up acting in the 1950s to travel with her husband, Robin Olds, an American Air Force officer, but after her divorce in 1975 she made occasional guest appearances on television series like *Matt Houston* and *Police Story*.

She was born Ella Wallace Raubes at Snoqualmine Falls, Washington, in 1921. She studied drama at Washington University and had a brief career on the stage before trying her luck in Hollywood.

She was immediately successful, being put under contract by a new company formed by the actor, Charles Boyer, and director, Howard Hawks. She made her film debut in the war drama, *Corvette K 225*, in 1943.

With her green eyes and sultry looks she was particularly suited to the 1940s *film noir*, but her stay at the top was brief. One of her last films, *Man in the Road*, was made in Britain in 1954. Three years later she starred in her own television series, *Janet Dean, Registered Nurse*.

She is survived by two daughters.

M. JACQUES LEDOUX

M Jacques Ledoux, a pioneer of film conservation techniques with an international reputation, died on June 6, aged 67.

He had been director of Belgium's Royal Film Archives since 1948.

From 1961 to 1977 Ledoux was secretary-general of the International Federation of Film Archives.

Ledoux's love for the cinema dated from the Second World War when he found, in the cellars of a Belgian abbey, a copy of *Nanook of the North* by Robert Flaherty, the American documentary pioneer.

He joined the film archives at the Brussels Film Museum after the war as an unpaid, junior assistant to be hired only one year later as the director.

He befriended many film-makers among them, François Truffaut, who made extensive use of Alfred Hitchcock films in Ledoux's half century-old archives for his book *The Director*.

Ledoux had been due to receive this year's Erasmus Prize for his life-long work with films and film conservation next autumn.

The prize, given by the Netherlands and worth more than £58,000, honours important contributions to European culture by both individuals and organizations.

Joe Partridge, the former Rhodesia and South African test bowler, who shot himself in Harare, Zimbabwe, on June 6, at the age of 56, was a formidable member of South African sides in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

One of the best medium-paced seam bowlers of his day, Partridge led the Springboks' attack against Australia in the 1962-63 tour, with 44 wickets for an average of 31.02.

He also played for his home country, Rhodesia, and still holds records there for the best statistics in a first-class match (14-101), and in an innings (8-69).

Latest wills

Lady Ruth Tilston **Berthoud**, of Brownings Manor, Blackboys, East Sussex, wife of Sir Eric Alfred Berthoud, former Ambassador to Denmark and Poland, left estate valued at £173,303 net.

Mr Robert Herbert **Bunker**, of Ivy Farm, Stanbridge, Bedfordshire, late farmer and butcher, left estate valued at £1,721,604

Col Charles Willoughby **Clark**, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, former chairman of Alfred Herbert, the Coventry machine tool company and a Deputy Lieutenant for Warwickshire and Master of the Playing Card Makers, left estate valued at £312,373 net.

Mr Howard Charles Vivian **Clewes**, of North End, London NW3, the novelist and screen writer, whose screeplays included *Mutiny on the Bounty*, *Green Grow the Rushes* and *The Day they robbed the Bank of England*, left estate valued at £317,302 net.

Mr Gerald Stanley **Edgson**, of London SW3, left estate valued at £1,771,886 net.

Sir John **Gutch**, of Farnham, Surrey, colonial administrator and former High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, left estate valued at £159,989 net.

Mrs Martine **Hilton**, of Cochrane Street, London NW8, left estate valued at £998,661 net.

Mrs Shirley Patricia **Levin**, of Wellington, Shropshire, left estate valued at £1,742,580 net

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

"For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ." Romans 5 : 17

BIRTHS

ASHER - On June 5th, to Anne (née Glaberg) and Stephen, a son. Glenn Stephen.

BANHAM - On June 8th 1988, to Rachel (née Broom) and James, a son Mark James.

BAPTISTE - On Monday May 30th, 1988, at Kings College Hospital, London, to Tamsin (née Taylor) and Harry, a son, Festus Thomas.

BLOOMFIELD - On June 6th 1988, to Olivia (née Provis) and Andrew, a daughter, Georgina Louise.

BOWDEN - On June 9th, at Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor, to Claire and Ian, a son, Jonathan Joseph; a brother for Harry Alexander.

CAMP - On June 7th, to Lynda and Brian, a daughter, Harriet Elizabeth, a sister for David.

DUNCAN - On May 31st, at Pembury Hospital, to Susan (née Round) and James Keith, a son, Angus James. Thanks to all staff at Pembury Hospital.

EAVES - On May 31st to Wayne (née McIntyre) and Simon a son, James Richard, brother for Thomas and Emily.

EDWARDS - On June 8th, 1988, in Hong Kong, to Debby (née Pringle) and Carey, a son, Robert Henry, a brother for Laurens and Thomas.

EMBLEN - On June 7th, to Stephanie (née Thompson) and Howard, a son, Sebastian Rhid Howard.

FERRAND - On June 2nd 1988, in Paris, to Jasmine and Michael, a son William.

FOSTER - On June 7th, in Dulwich, to Tamsin and Michael, another wonderful daughter, Rosie Alice.

GOODMAN - On May 31st, 1988, at St Mary's Hospital, to Claudia and Jonathan, a son, Matthew Dehran Albert.

HILL - On June 2nd at Pembury Hospital to Amanda and Christopher, a son Thomas.

HUTCHISON - On May 31st 1988, in Great Yarmouth, to Nicola (née Southgate) and Michael, a son, Jonathan Michael Thomas, a brother for Annabel Jane.

JOLL - On June 8th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Katie (née Howard) and William, a daughter.

MORGAN - On June 4th, at The University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, to Marian (née Lewis) and David Wynn, a son, Huw Alexander Wynn, a brother for Lowri.

NORTON - On June 4th 1988, to Hilary (née Ryan) and Adam, a daughter, Georgina Christine Ryan.

SAMENGO-TURNER - On May 31st, 1988, to Jane (née Flynn) and Keith, a son, Frederick Lawrence Julian, a brother for William and Annabel.

STONE - On June 7th, to Beverley (née Lane) and Douglas, a daughter, Siobhan Alexandra.

SUNDERLAND - On May 23rd, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sandy (née Heath) and Jonathan, a son, Timothy Andrew.

TESTER - On June 1st, 1988, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, London, to Margaret (née O'Hara) and Stephen, a son, Matthew Stephen.

MARRIAGES

AYLMER-WARD - On June 4th, 1988, at St Lawrence Church, Flaxton, York, Thomas Bartholomew Aylmer to Joanna Louise Ward.

DEATHS

ABRAHAM - On June 5th in Shaftesbury, Dorset, John Owen Abraham O.B.E. aged 71 years, husband of Elizabeth, father of Caroline, Richard and Jane and grandfather of Gavin and Christian. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Friday June 10th at 10.30 a.m. No flowers but donations for the MacMillan Trust may be sent to G.E. Johnson & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, 41/45, High St., Shaftesbury, Dorset.

ATTWOOD - On June 9th, after a noble fight, Bedford Gater Wallace, aged 78, of Lower Ware, Lyme Regis, Dorset. Beloved husband of Ann, leaving a son Peter Bedford and a daughter Angela Jane and seven loved grandchildren. Private Funeral and family flowers only, donations if desired, to the RDNE Hospital, Wonford, Exeter.

BOSANQUET - On June 7th 1988, peacefully at home, David Ives aged 75 years. Very beloved husband of Hazel, devoted father of Nicholas and Melanie and much loved grandfather of Natalie, Cheyne, Emma, Hermione and Davina. Private family Funeral. A Service of Thanksgiving for David's life will be held in St. Mary's Parish Church, Horsham, on Wednesday June 22nd at 2.30 pm. Donations in memory may be given to Dr. Topham's Cancer Research Fund, St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, Surrey.

CARRINGTON - On June 9th 1988, peacefully at Woodside House, London N20, Lady Dorothy Mary Carrington (formerly of Penzance). Widow of Sir William Carrington, beloved mother of David and daughter-in-law Elizabeth, and dear grannie of Sally, Richard and Charles. Funeral service on Thursday June 16th at St Paul's Church, Hadley Wood, nr Barnet, Herts at noon. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to The Multiple Sclerosis Society, c/o C.A. Nethercott & Son Ltd, 180 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 1AF.

COWLIN - On June 8th 1988, at home, Albert William. Will be sadly missed by family and friends. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon Ltd, 83 Westbourne Grove, W2. Tel 01 229 9861.

DE CARLE SMITH - On June 7th, peacefully, Rosalie, much loved wife of the late Joseph de Carle Smith. Funeral service at Thorpe St Andrew's Parish Church, Norwich, on Tuesday June 14th at 11.15 am, followed by cremation at St Faith's at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Please, please, to Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 35 Unthank Road, Norwich, by 10 am.

FLASH - On June 7th, 1988, at home after a protracted illness most courageously borne. Delphine, wife of Mortimer and mother of Martin, Lesley and Adrian. Memorial meeting in Bath later.

GYANI - On June 3rd 1988, in Chandigarh, India, Lt. Gen. Prem Singh Gyani, Indian Artillery, beloved husband of Mohini.

HOPKINS - On June 8th, 1988, Dora Jane of Marnhull Dorset age 91 years, retired HMI. She was a very special lady who will be fondly remembered in her village and by her many friends. All enquiries to Bracher Brothers F/D Gillingham Dorset. Tel 07476 2494.

HYATT - On June 6th 1988, Dorothy, widow of the late Geoffrey, peacefully aged 65. Beloved mother of Tom and Robert. Funeral service at St Andrew's Church, Hope Bowdler, at 11 a.m. Monday June 13th. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Motor Neurone Disease Association and the Royal National Institute for the Blind. Enquiries to A.S. Morris & Son, Funeral Directors, Church Stretton. Tel. Church Stretton 722676.

LEVY - On June 4th, at Folkestone, Frieda, aged 87, sister of Roger Levy of 4 Magdalene Road, Chichester, West Sussex.

MACBRIDE - On Thursday June 2nd, Mary Alice (Shrosbree) beloved wife of Theo. Funeral has already taken place. Amended notice.

MARTON - On May 31st, 1988, at Chapel Allerton Hospital, Leeds, Irene, CBE, aunt of Elizabeth Clifford and Emeritus Professor of the University of Leeds. The funeral service and cremation will be private. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to World Wildlife Fund, Panda House, Wayside Park, Godalming, Surrey GU17 1XR.

MASSEY - On June 5th, while on holiday in Ireland, Bruce, dear husband of Anne, father of Robert, Stephen and Nicholas, grandfather of Jutta, Louisa, Laura, Edward, Katie and Patrick. Cremation at Stoneham, Southampton, on Monday June 13th at 3.00 pm.

MAUDSLAY - On June 8th, peacefully at home after a long illness, Major Sir Dennis Maudslay G.C.V.O., K.C.B., M.B.E., beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at St James' Church, Rowledge, Surrey at 2.30 pm, Wednesday June 15th. Flowers to H.C. Patrick & Co, 86 East Street, Farnham, Surrey. Memorial service to be announced later.

MILLER - On Thursday June 9th 1988, peacefully at home, Leopold. Co - founder and late Chairman of De Vere Hotels and Restaurants Ltd. Cremation 12 noon Sunday June 12th 1988 in West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW1.

NEWTH - On June 8th, suddenly at home, David Richmond, Emeritus Professor of Zoology at The University of Glasgow. Funeral Private.

POPE - On June 7th, suddenly and peacefully, after a long illness, borne with great courage, Reginald Alfred, formerly director of Bolton Steam Shipping Company. Cremation at Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, N2, on Tuesday June 14th at 2.00pm. Flowers or donations if desired to The Royal National Lifeboat Fund. All enquiries to A.W. Luck and Sons, 3 Church Lane, East Finchley, N2 8DX. Tel: 01 883 2429.

POWELL-BRETT - On June 7th 1988, suddenly in Scotland, Colonel Francis (Kit) Powell-Brett, deeply loved husband of Peggy, and greatly loved father of Christopher and Jane. Dan-Pa to six splendid grandchildren Arabella, Venetia, Lucy, James, Alexander and Katherine. Service at St Columba's, Pont Street, London, on Wednesday June 15th at 11.00 am. Private cremation. Family flowers only.

ROBSON - On June 4th, suddenly at Burnham-on-Sea, Murray Anthony (Tony) of Axbridge. Much loved father of Adam and Anna. Private Cremation, family flowers only. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St. John The Baptist Church, Axbridge, on Monday June 27th at 2.00 pm. Donations, if desired, for St. John The Baptist Church, Axbridge may be sent to C. V. Gower & Son, Funeral Directors, The Square, Winscombe, Avon, tel Winscombe 2187 or 2945.

SCHICK-GERECHT - On June 7th, suddenly, aged 74, Alice Marianne, greatly missed by family and friends. The funeral will take place at Waltham Abbey Cemetary at 1.00pm on Friday June 10th.

SKELBECK - On June 8th, 1988, peacefully at home, Ralph Finlay Wright, a much loved husband and father, brother and son. Funeral service at St Michael's Church, South Grove, Highgate, N6 on Thursday June 16th, at 11.15am. No flowers. Donations to The North London Hospice Group, 259 Ballard's Lane, London N12 8NR.

TOMLINSON - On June 9th, peacefully after a faithful fight against a long illness, Rowan (née Maclure). Dear to many to whom she always gave selflessly. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Redlynch, on Wednesday June 15th at 2.00pm, followed by cremation. No flowers please but donations on behalf of The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, may be sent C/O John Shering, 51 Church Street, Fordingbridge Hants. Tel 0425 653019.

WADE - On May 31st, 1988, suddenly in Egypt, Dyan Elizabeth, of Parkgate Road, Battersea, beloved daughter of Ivy and William Wade of Ealing, and beloved sister of Julia and Robert. Dyan will be sadly missed by family and friends. Requiem at St Paul's Church, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge at 2.00 pm on Tuesday June 14th followed by cremation at Mortlake. Flowers and enquiries to W.S. Bond Ltd, 19 Bond St, Ealing W5, Tel: 01 567 0422.

WARD - On June 6th 1988, suddenly at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Donald Jason Ward MB, ChB, FRCP. A much loved husband and father. Funeral service at St Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry on Wednesday June 15th at 12 noon. Followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. donations if desired for Oswestry Rheumatology Association. Enquires to David Davis and Sons. Tel Oswestry 653116

WILSON - On June 8th, 1988, Andrew Fox-Wilson, peacefully at his home in Woodstock, aged 65 years. Funeral service at St Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock, on Wednesday June 15th at 2.30pm. Flowers to Jerrams Brothers Woodstock, Oxford.

WOODWARD - On June 7th 1988, Helen Patricia (née Davis), aged 80 years, of Conway, wife of the late William Edward Woodward M.A. Cantab. Enquiries to A.C. Lambert and Son. Funeral Directors. Tel: 0492 81072.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

GAMLEN - A memorial service for St John Onslow Gamlen will be held at Lincoln's Inn Chapel, on Wednesday June 22nd at 5.00 pm.

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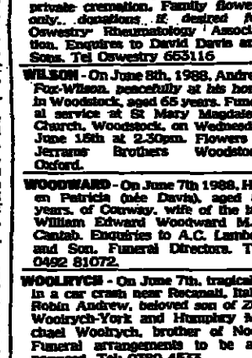
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Making his points forcefully: Harry Belafonte is an athletically built 61-year-old enjoying renewed success

The nameplate at the entrance says just BEL. Through the thin partition walls of the offices, recently acquired by Belafonte Enterprises Inc., on New York's 8th Avenue, the refrain "Dayo, day, day-ay-ay-o" booms out. Harry Belafonte is doing some quick telephone interviews with US radio stations.

After a period of relative inactivity, his career is suddenly thriving again. This week his first album in a decade is released in Britain. On Saturday he hosts a huge 70th birthday celebration for Nelson Mandela at Wembley. His official TV mini-series, *The Mandelas*, starring Sidney Poitier, Jane Fonda and Marlon Brando, is ready for production.

Ironically for a man better known these days for his politics than his art, he is currently enjoying commercial success as a result of three of his old songs featuring in the popular US childrens' film, *Beetlejuice*. "Banana Boat Song" has subsequently become a sizeable hit and radio interviewers like a rendition of "Dayo" live.

Rising to greet me, he takes off his scholarly rimless spectacles. Tall, athletically built, with a touch of grey in the temples, he *retains his chiselled good looks*. It is hard to believe he is 61.

BEI acts as clearing house for his cultural and political projects. On his desk: a job application from a South African TV director and an election newsletter from the National Black Network. He helped found *USA for Africa*, the American *Band-Aid*, and last year was appointed UNICEF's goodwill ambassador, in succession to the late Danny Kaye.

His political awareness is of long standing. As a child, born of West Indian parents in Harlem, he ran with street gangs. After service in the US navy in the Second World War, he "came out, like a lot of blacks, thinking that America owed us. Racism was legalized in this country. But we had just thrown our weight into a war *against Hitler to end all that.*"

Not all doors were barred. He won a place at Max Reinhardt's acting school,where his classmates included Marlon Brando and life-long friend Sidney Poitier. As a school project he wrote and performed a song called "Recognition".

It was heard by musical entrepreneur Monty Kay, who gave him a slot at the jazz club, the Royal Roost, where his backing group included Miles Davis and Charlie Parker. Belafonte himself preferred folk to jazz music.

He liked artists such as Leadbelly and Woody Guthrie, playing at the Village Vanguard. "What fascinated me was the content of their songs, the stories they told." He put together his own programme of similar material for a two week engagement there. It lasted 22 weeks.

His career took off. His strong voice was made for ballads like "Scarlet Ribbons", released in 1952. He accommodated many styles. In 1956, his *Calypso* was the first-ever million selling album, creating the international craze for West Indian music of that name. He became one of America's top all-round entertainers, starring in films such as *Carmen Jones*.

With fame came responsibility, and political activism. He became adviser and close friend of Martin Luther King. His interest in South Africa dates from a chance meeting on a British tour in 1960. Staying at the Dorchester Hotel, he was introduced to Father (now Archbishop) Trevor Huddleston and an exiled young black South African singer, Miriam Makeba.

"Father Huddleston was working with black kids in South Africa. He asked me to help get political asylum for Miriam and others." Belafonte obliged by providing a platform for Makeba *and, later, the trumpeter Hugh* Masakela.

The last decade has not been easy for a man of his enthusiasms. He talks of rock music "powerfully pre-empting those of us who had another style." On another tack: "Blacks have always had difficulty getting a platform for something that's serious. Their problems were exacerbated when people decided to pump the *success of blacks in music* and comedy and not to worry about the 26 million others who are ground under."

He complains in measured terms about Hollywood attempts to portray black experience. Sir Richard Attenborough's film *Cry Freedom*, about the life of black South African politician Steve Biko, "left something to be desired".

This is mainly because "if someone does a lot of filtration in order to accommodate other purposes, we [blacks] feel somewhat frustrated. How often do blacks get a chance to state their case, especially when someone has already introduced their heroes in a diluted way?"

This sort of debate can lead to confusion. Belafonte himself has been accused of parrotting West Indian music: doubtless someone will say the same of his latest album, apropos of South Africa. Belafonte has his reply ready.

"I'm not dealing with authenticity. I don't believe in authenticity. I'm talking about power. Picasso was a fraud in comparison with 13th century African masks. But he was the greatest. The important thing is: is it good? Does it touch *the human heart*? That's its purpose."

TELEVISION

Caveat emptor

Despite comic indiscretions of Members of Parliament, the Puritan streak in British politics, which has influenced the ideological tradition of both the Right and Left, remains strong. Certainly, *laissez-faire* sex has only fully embraced *laissez-faire* economics in the free-fall fantasies of certain Young Conservative libertarians.

***Foreign Bodies*, an extremely disturbing documentary for Channel 4 by Tim Cooper and Alison Porteous, about Thailand's sex *industry, showed what a revolting* cocktail that combination can be. The Thailand sex industry was developed to service the needs of such staunch defenders of capitalism as the American armed forces and of plane-loads of happy-go-lucky Western fornicators.**

Judging from the film, the "punters", civilian and military, still go happy to the massage parlours. Whether they still strike lucky there is now more questionable, since Aids has added the sickest of punch-lines to the sick joke of their packaged pleasure-seeking.

Economic necessity encourages, almost forces, Thai peasant girls and orphan boys to sell themselves, even some fathers to sell their daughters into slavery. It makes the Thai government give *de facto* encouragement to its country's 700,000 officially illegal prostitutes.

But it takes more than the need to eat to take part in such an enormous perverse theatre of desire, just as it takes more than drunken foolhardiness to risk your life for such brief pleasures. Everyone, exploiters and exploited, did seem to "know better".

It was as though, on a bedrock of oriental ideology, the Western Christian need for sex to be something dangerously foreign to your better nature, enjoyed best when bombed out of your mind and away from home, was paraded in a grotesque burlesque.

Andrew Hislop

ZOE DOMINIC



Growing together as allies and friends: elderly employer Wendy Hiller and her chauffeur Clarke Peters

Slight but agreeable

Driving Miss Daisy
Apollo

THEATRE

Alfred Uhry's warm and gentle play resembles a pleasant afternoon beside the sea where little waves softly break but somewhere out there is the great and heaving ocean, sending occasional larger, colder waves to remind us that even on this sheltered shore we are a part of the main.

The play provides a charming role for Dame Wendy Hiller, now our most senior leading actress, and it is a pleasure, as always, to watch her way of activating every muscle around her mouth to register lofty disapproval, and to listen to the voice that has always had its bewitching quaver, suggesting frailty – but do not be misled: there is resolution and toughness present.

She plays Miss Daisy, a decent-hearted Jewish widow from Atlanta, Georgia, who ages, in the course of the play's 90 minutes, from a mere 72 to an alert if fragile 97. Reluctantly persuaded by her son (Barry Foster) to allow a chauffeur into her life, a tender relationship naturally develops between the proud and finicky Miss Daisy and her candid but ever polite black chauffeur.

The scenes are mostly shortish and Uhry is content to make one major point per scene, usually as the closing line. Thus, Miss Daisy's initial opposition ends when Hoke, the chauffeur, performs a simple act of honesty, bringing a 33 cent tin of salmon to replace the one she supposed he had stolen. The audience sighs with pleasure.

Hoke, only a dozen years younger than his employer, is played by the immensely likeable Clarke Peters. Uhry has cunningly written the role to make it immensely likeable, and the play presumably taps the same reservoir of audience response that enjoyed (as I did) *I'm Not Rappaport*, where another elderly couple, one Jewish and the other black, grow old together.

A bomb planted in Miss Daisy's temple by some anti-Jewish bigot reminds Hoke of the sight of a friend's father lynched and left hanging from a tree. Both Jew and black recognize in the other a fellow victim in a WASP society.

Thomas Lynch's setting has the elegance of a superior cigarette ad: on this side a comfortable but upper class armchair; on the other two exquisitely functional stools representing seats in the car in which the odd couple drive, mutually respectful, down the years, accompanied by background violin and cello.

Uhry's agreeable but slight play won *this year's Pulitzer Prize*, an honour also bestowed on *Long Day's Journey, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Death of a Salesman* and *South Pacific*. It all depends on the competition, I suppose, but there were giants in those days.

Jeremy Kingston

Raw energy

Oklahoma!
Richmond Theatre

This touring production (next stop, Manchester) has a raw, bouncing energy and hickory strength which seem entirely appropriate to the frontiersman spirit of Rodgers' and Hammerstein's evergreen classic. Musical director Paul Smith gets the overture off to a cracking start and the momentum scarcely flags over the two and three-quarter hours.

Nicolas Colicos as Curly certainly fills the house with "O What a Beautiful Morning", though the timbre of voice is on the coarse side. Despite his beefy bumptious appearance, Colicos is a more refined actor than singer, and the performance develops nicely, especially in the smoke-house scene with Steven Osborne's menacing Jud.

Lisa Hollander's Laurey seems a little too stiff and tightly corseted at the start, vocally somewhat constrained too: but this is an intelligent, affecting portrayal, registering the melting of Laurey's resistance in growing warmth and vocal freedom.

The best performances, however, come from Avril Angers as an indomitable, earthy Aunt Eller, and Janie Dee as the hopelessly susceptible Ado Annie, the girl who "cain't say no". Both players bring out the raunchy, forgiving humour.

I am not sure whether Ali Hakim, the pedlar (taken with the greasy shiftiness appropriate by Richard O'Callaghan) can be said to be forgiven by being married to Gertie Cummings (Stephanie Johns endowed with a spine-chilling kookaburra cackle).

Eoin McManus' direction and Stephanie Carter's choreography inspire this young, athletic cast to act, sing and dance with a vigour which carries you irresistibly along in a joyful hymn to new found land.

Harry Eyres

Young Writers' Festival
Royal Court Upstairs

Soraya Jintan's *Lalita's Way* concerns the efforts of a 17 year old Asian girl to escape the arranged marriage which her parents, especially her mother, are trying to force on her. What is lacking in depth of characterization (manipulative mother, ineffectual father, *reliable buddy*) *is made up for* by a natural sense of narrative flow and some pithy dialogue. Lalita herself is a rounded, sympathetic figure, excellently played by Helen Awan.

***Mohair* is a much more ambitious work, and many playwrights twice the age of 19-year-old Jonathan Harvey would be delighted to have written an opening scene of such pace and economy. Small-town Northern Irish girl Hilary goes with her ESN brother Danny to have her dranken ex-ventriloquist father's doll repaired, and is chatted up by the cheeky shop assistant, Paul.**

So much is established in a few minutes: Danny's vulnerability and dependence, Hilary's efforts to save the father whom she both hates and loves, the start of a first relationship. Harvey's characters have a history, not just existence in the moment: Paul's orphanage background and Hilary's protestant conscience catch up with them in a plot which becomes too complicated for its own good. A most impressive début, graced by a splendid performance from Ethna Roddy as Hilary.

In Hannah Vincent's *The Burrow*, a Kafka short story, about a person threatened by the outside world constructing a protective retreat, has been reinterpreted as the tale of a housewife obsessed by home improvements. There is a lot of manic, surreal energy and some inventive staging (hands clutching special offers appear through cracks in the walls), but, just judging from the extracts read at the beginning and end, the sombre symbolic power of the original goes much deeper.

Still, congratulations to all three writers, the directors Phyllida Lloyd and Tim Supple and a fine cast: this excellent annual event continues to give more pleasure than many an evening in a grander setting.

H.E.

DANCE

Rambert Dance Company
Sadler's Wells

Rambert Dance Company opened its Sadler's Wells season last night amid a blaze of controversy. The season is dedicated to the memory of Antony Tudor, whose first ballets were choreographed for Rambert in the Thirties. John Percival has already outlined the arguments surrounding the company's right to stage Tudor's *Dark Elegies* in a version which is described as being "as faithful as possible to the original."

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the company's claims, last night's performance was in no way a worthy tribute to Tudor's memory. Mahler's *Kindertotenlieder*, to which the ballet is set, was indifferently played and sung and found the dancing stilted and somehow perfunctory, lacking in the weight, passion and understanding which Rambert casts of the Seventies displayed.

The structure of the ballet is still clear for us to admire: bold, spare, and beautifully crafted. But it is like a skeleton, without muscle and flesh, and most importantly without the spirit to illuminate it.

Nadia Benois's costumes underline the work's timeless quality: but what has happened to her decors? They are integral to any attempt to recreate the original.

The evening opened with Richard Alston's *Dangerous Liaisons*. Although well made and danced, it seemed rather bland in juxtaposition with Merce Cunningham's *Septet*, which followed. Created in 1953, *Septet* entered Rambert's repertory last year and is a thoroughly worthwhile acquisition. Strongly danced, by a cast of six, it perhaps lacked a touch of humour.

Cunningham can be one of the funniest choreographers working *today and there is as much wit in* this ballet as in the Satie piano pieces which accompany it.

Ending the programme, David Gordon's new work *Mates* was presumably meant to be witty, but looked like nothing so much as a choreographic doodle.

Judith Cruickshank

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Sharp and secure approach

The Kaiser of Atlantis
Donmar Warehouse

OPERA

Within a month London has had the good fortune to play host to two productions of *The Kaiser of Atlantis*, Viktor Ullman's last work, composed, along with the majority of his output, in the prison camp at Theresienstadt. The Wiener Kammeroper's version for the Bloomsbury Festival presented the work as Ullman might have seen it had the prisoners' intended performance been allowed to proceed.

Mecklenburgh Opera, another of those young, vital companies which seem to be emerging constantly these days, staged the work for the London International Opera Festival more as Ullman's own vision might have been. All the prisoners' rags were hoisted away at the beginning, leaving us free to react to the piece and to the piece alone. One could never have forgotten its background, however, even without the witty and emotional songs and the potted biography which the company presented as a revealing prelude.

John Abulafia's dynamic production, designed and lit economically but effectively by Christopher Baugh and Peter Kenvyn, ensures that Ullman's theatrical blade, sharpened by some savagely pertinent music, cuts deep. Adrian Fisher, as the Loudspeaker, the opera's ringmaster figure, relates the tale of Death holding the Kaiser to ransom with a suitably exaggerated style of declamation.

Death himself is played, with a resonant voice but with too many glissandos, by Brian Bannatyne-Scott, dressed in blue military attire in direct opposition to the scarlet jacket of Glenville Hargreaves's Kaiser. This is sung confidently but, notably in his final aria of acceptance, not always either attractively or accurately. They, the means and the end, are opposites and (so the Kaiser would have us believe) equals.

Paul Harrhy, as both Pierrot and the Soldier, and Lorna Washington, as the Girl, provide some brilliantly acted and nicely sung cameo scenes, which serve to emphasize the opera's situation in the psyche, while Susannah Self, a sinisterly coercing Drummer, who also somehow in this production manages to become a Brunnhilde and a tart, sings with the richest *and most expressive voice* of the troupe. The small band does not always play with total security, but it is conducted with a sure sense of direction and purpose by Anne Manson.

Stephen Pettitt

CAROL BAUGH



The Emperor meets Pierrot: Glenville Hargreaves and Paul Harrhy

ROCK

Catchy tunes, a good beat

Eurythmics
Town & Country

Limbering up for their performance at this Saturday's gala tribute to Nelson Mandela, Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart made this rare club appearance with the re-assembled Eurythmics line-up which was last seen touring the arenas in 1986 to promote the album *Revenge*.

As is usual in these situations, the close proximity of musicians who have become accustomed to projecting their show across great distances was exhilarating in itself, even if they lacked the raw sense of urgency that distinguishes many of the hungrier groups to be found on this rung of the concert ladder.

Her pallid complexion shadowed by high cheekbones, a slash of red lipstick and a crop of bristling blonde hair, Lennox bowled on, singing "I Need A Man" with grinding, salacious emphasis, swiftly establishing her singularly imposing stage presence. Both she and Stewart, who looked more than ever the part of the seedy, dissipated rock star, wore elaborately sequined leather coats and trousers.

A concise, well-ordered set included a high proportion of hits – "Sweet Dreams", "Who's That Girl?", "There Must Be An Angel" – and ended with another striking paradigm of Lennox's *outré* feminine "machismo", in "Missionary Man".

Disappointingly little was heard of the material from last year's excellent *Savage*, the platinum album which re-instated Lennox and Stewart as a nonpareil synth-pop duo, yet has so far failed to provide a major hit single. They played the title track, a moody piece redolent of the Velvet Underground, that found Clem Burke beating a murky tattoo on the tom-toms, to create a distinctly dark ambience.

But the show quickly returned to its axis of bright, rock 'n' roll pop songs, the kind of material which in a different era would have had the panellists of *Juke Box Jury* awarding high marks for melody, lyrics and a good beat.

For all the heady politics involved in Saturday's concert, this will doubtless prove more than enough to see them through with flying colours.

David Sinclair

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FRIDAY PAGE

A well of inspiration

Seven years ago Alfredo Rampi died at the bottom of an Italian well. His mother talked to **Brian James** about a tragedy that turned into a crusade

The death of six-year-old Alfredo Rampi, gothic in its horror, was a *media event*: television audiences around the world watched for four days and nights the vain and blundering attempts to retrieve the child, alive but dying slowly, from the bottom of a 200ft well.

An unforgettable central figure of that drama was his mother, Franca Rampi, a woman seen on every television news bulletin standing with an icy calm amid the burlesque of an Italian rescue as machinery arrived and refused to start, as pieces of equipment simply did not suit. She would bend to listen to a loudspeaker, lowered down the hole to relay her son's whispers. Or she would speak, pleading with the child to have courage, to hold on.

When, finally, the boy murmured "*Mama, non ce la faccio piu* (I cannot do it any more)", and died, Franca Rampi turned and walked from this arc-lit Roman circus still dry-eyed. Her ordeal was not quite over: it took six weeks to recover Alfredo's body, now grotesquely enclosed in a block of ice that rescuers had poured down the pit to prevent decomposition.

What passed through Rampi's mind in that summer of 1981, the force that held her back from hysterical grief, was an unfocused rage, a determination that no other mother should ever face such an ordeal. What she has been doing, virtually every day of her life since then, has been to sit in the Centro Alfredino in Rome beneath a portrait of the dead child and lead the campaign against the indolence and indifference of Italian officialdom, the cynicism of Italian politics.

It has never been possible to forget what she told me in 1981, after the boy had died and she waited for the body to be retrieved. She explained her calmness, so misunderstood, that the Italian tabloids implicitly accused of her Alfredo's murder. "They expected I should be Italian, tear my hair. I could not cry, because my tears would have killed Alfredino. To live, he needed me to be calm, to have in my voice reassurance that we were coming to his darkness to take him out . . . soon. I could already hear hopelessness in the voice of the rescuers as things went wrong, wrong, wrong again. This I had to keep from my own voice when I whispered to the child."

It took 24 hours to establish how deep was that well, and more time to discover the type of rock in which it had been sunk. It took three days to find the correct drill, four days to send down a television camera to monitor progress. Rescue vehicles carrying equipment were too wide to reach the site, and no one could find addresses or telephone contacts for drilling experts. When the team broke from a rescue tunnel into the well, they found they had miscalculated and were — fatally — a few feet too far above the boy.

"These errors were a mosaic of misunderstandings and consequences. I had a sense of dread that when nothing, not the smallest detail, was correct then how could the outcome be the child's rescue? I say nothing to blame those who were at the well. They would have given their lives. But they worked with their hearts, not their heads, there was no . . . no *table* [planning].

'If a modern country like Italy cannot save one small child, then things could not be correct'

"An earthquake is so big there are bound to be errors. But if a modern country like Italy cannot save one small child, then things could not be correct. So in this, my inner rage has found a purpose."

That purpose, she then explained, was to draw up a manifesto for a Civil Protection Service, a pressure group, to demand plans for disasters and ask questions about the fate of the millions of lire which are allocated every year from the state budget for emergency preparation.

The centre would also operate a computerized register of specialist resources. Simply type in the nature of the emergency and instantly available would be lists: where to find drills and submarines, machines that can lift, pull, bore, flatten, men who know all about tackling fire and water, heights and depths.

The announcement of her campaign brought hundreds of letters from all over the world. Many carried donations for flowers for Alfredo's grave. Instead, Rampi set the money aside. "I knew what we would have to do would be difficult and in Italy even the simple things cost money."

Her campaign also brought swift reaction from the government. The then president, Sandro Pertini, called on Rampi personally to announce a new government department to overhaul the nation's capacity to meet disaster, and gave minister Zamberletti the title of Minister of Civil Protection. "A great beginning," Rampi says. "But also the end."

The new ministry operates under old laws made many years ago merely to regulate the fire brigade. Nowhere, for example, is there the power to order the fencing or filling of open wells. Nor can scores of other potential dangers be made safe. "The necessary *parliamentary Bill has been drawn* up based much on the manifesto we created. Each year Zamberletti produces the Bill. And each year the government collapses and we start again at the beginning.

"So seven years later we have an artificial ministry with no one competent to act at the time of a tragedy, nor competent to gather the forces to help. So how can I be satisfied? The politicians, ashamed, want to forget my son. The public will not allow them."

Yes, she says, government indifference offends. "But we have done much, are doing much and will do more."

For example, when the authorities failed to force landowners to fence disused wells, Rampi led batches of weekend commandos out with planks, posts and nails to do the job for them

Less dramatically, she announced: "If the state will do nothing to protect our children, we will teach them to protect themselves." Every term, Rampi's unpaid volunteers visit up to 80 Roman classrooms for a three-to-six day teach-in on common dangers: road safety, swimming, how to act in face of fire, the dangers from electricity in a country without safety-plugs. None of these figure on the school curricula.

Work among children forms the bulk of the effort of the Centro Alfredino (and its three other satellite centres in northern Italy). The work is being done by young Italians of conscience who have refused military service, or by qualified teachers, sociologists and technical experts drawn from the 600 members of the centre.

Rampi has visited the centre every afternoon until recently. "Now my other son, Riccardo, is six — the age of Alfredino at his death. He now needs me. I cannot lose a second son to this same tragedy. So I will be less often at the Centro Alfredino, but I shall never surrender the fight."

Non-surrender in practical terms means acting as a constant goad to the authorities. "I still write letters to the heads of government. Repeatedly. My letters are dealt with urgently. For they know I will not go away. Not until we have our law.

"I did not throw myself into this from reason. It was my reaction. All the mothers who wrote to me were my sisters, for their children I must act for it was clear that when the flowers on his grave died, now no one cared. In my agony I grew stronger than I thought possible. See! All around you is the name and face of little Alfredino . . . this is not his memento . . . this place keeps him alive."



CHRIS HARRIS

Franca Rampi at the Centro Alfredino: "This place keeps him alive"

Dr Stoppard's healthy advice

Have more check-ups, don't be bullied by male GPs — and take along her latest book

Miriam Stoppard does not believe in being evangelical. "It upsets people. It's not the way to get things done." But there is one topic for which she is prepared to make an exception — women and their health. "I'm very serious about women's health," she says. "I'll bang a few drums about that."

Publication of her latest book, *Every Woman's Medical Handbook*, gives her the chance to bring out the percussion, and she is going to make the most of it.

"Male domination of the medical profession is at the root of women's dissatisfaction . . . In the treatment of breast cancer doctors still adopt the radical approach . . . because they lack the courage to accept research information which shows clearly that in many cases radiotherapy, lumpectomy or both have better results than mastectomy."

Although Stoppard is not afraid to attack male-orientated prejudices and ignorance in both the medical profession and in government, she also has another message for women: take more responsibility for your own health.



Miriam Stoppard: banging a drum

"The Government programme of cervical screening, for instance, which is available for women over 35, does not take into account recent research which shows that teenagers and women under 25 are most at risk because of the correlation between cervical cancer and frequent sexual partners at an early age," she says. "The government is like a huge monolith. Changing things is like trying to move a supertanker.

"But women can go along to their doctor and demand a smear test. And if the doctor won't do it they can go to a Well Woman Clinic, or they can ask for a letter of referral to a gynaecologist."

Stoppard has sampled the Well Woman screening services available both within the NHS and the private sector, and concludes that few women would have the time or the energy to persist within the NHS. "In one instance . . . it took me four weeks to get all the tests done, and I had to wait three months for all the results.

"For about £200 at one private clinic everything was done and I got the results on the same day. I have to say it was the best £200 I ever spent. I'm of an age [51] when cancers could be sprouting everywhere. I'm not obsessive about it but it's worth a once a year check."

Stoppard also believes that women should change their attitude towards their GPs and go into the relationship thinking of themselves as equal. "Write down what you want to say before you go, and take the piece of paper with you. Or take your partner or an assertive friend. If the doctor asks why they are there, say it's because you feel intimidated."

She admits that there have been times in the past when she allowed the medical profession to dictate to her. "I feel a bit cheated that I didn't have the births I wanted. [Her children are now 22, 18, 16 and 13.] With the first one, not only did I deliver flat on my back, but I was shaved and given an enema. The most powerful weapon you can have is information. That's one reason why I wrote the book. Take the book with you if you like and if the doctor disagrees with something in it, tell him to write to Miriam Stoppard and tell her so. You have to come to terms with your own fears — tell yourself: 'It's worth it, it's my body'. "

The other thing women should do is to give themselves a higher priority. "Overcoming the guilt of working is one of the greatest things for 20th century women. You slave for your boss, your husband, your family, even your cleaning lady, tidying up before she comes. Even women who don't work often put themselves way down their list of priorities. You should be second or third.

"It's not selfish. A lot of people depend on you. It's really supporting the family. Women spend too much time trying to be a good wife, a good mother, a good employer, a good employee — and it's taken me far too long to discover this.

"The children say I should have given myself more time years ago."

Lee Rodwell

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Barbara Amiel *is on holiday.*

Born under a dark star?

Are some people naturally wicked or do they make the choice? A new television series examines the origins of evil

It is 20 years since 11-year-old Mary Flora Bell was found guilty of manslaughter after suffocating two small boys aged four and three in Newcastle upon Tyne. The fact that one so young should commit an act so horrible appalled the nation and caused Mary Bell to be labelled "evil". What made her case remarkable, according to the experts, was that Mary appeared to know precisely what she was doing.

But what exactly is evil? Is there such a thing as an evil child? Can people be born evil or is it the result of conditioning, environment or parental influences? Such questions have tried the minds of philosophers, theologians and psychologists, not to mention the man in the public bar, for centuries. Even in this so-called enlightened age, the word "evil" carries with it connotations of the mystical.

Subniv Babuta, researcher of a new television series entitled *Evil* and co-author of the accompanying book, both of which explore the nature, roots and reality of evil ranging from the Moors murderers to Nazism and the My Lai massacre, suggests it is in our interest to believe that there are people who are born evil "because it makes one believe that evil people are somehow intrinsically different".

His own opinion, the result of extensive research into the subject, is that the potential for evil is within us all; for each of us there is a different trigger which may provoke evil or sadistic instincts. "The sooner we recognize that potential, the sooner we will come to terms with it."

It is a view endorsed by a retired psychiatrist, Dr Anthony Storr, an expert on human destructiveness and aggression, who says: "I don't think that people who do evil habitually are in a totally different category. We are all capable of evil acts."

Storr believes that there are evil children. "It depends how they have been brought up and what their experiences have been. If children are treated badly they tend to treat other people badly. People who batter their babies or sexually assault their children have very often been battered or assaulted themselves as



Evil killers: Hindley and Brady and (inset) Mary Bell

"If you haven't had any love or affection yourself, why should you regard other people as lovable?"

While many experts agree that there may be a strong genetic influence in the creation of an evil being, the idea of a person being born evil is not widely accepted. "One can't be born wicked," says the moral philosopher Mary Midgely, whose book, *Wickedness*, rejects the current tendency to ignore and excuse sin. "Words like 'evil' and 'wicked' are about choice. It's similar to 'original sin', which is a contradiction because sin has to be a matter of choice."

Nevertheless, she believes that "people can be born with temperaments which are very dangerous, which are going to make them tend very strongly in that way, but they can — all of us can — resist this to some extent. If there are exceptional people who really can't help it, then they are the ones we call psychopaths."

It is this concept of free will which is widely believed to separate the evil from the insane. Theologian John Bowker, a professor in religious studies and philosophy, and consultant to the television series, defines evil as "the point at which all constraints derived from memory or upbringing or conscience have been over-ruled or abandoned".

Bowker cites the case of the Moors murderers, Myra Hindley and Ian Brady, as examples. Asked whether such behaviour is irredeemable, he argues: "The issue is simply at what point can one be sure that they have acquired responsibility for themselves? And as we know so little about this process the risk of releasing them is, of course, enormous. It is not a question of 'Have they learned their lesson?' but 'Have they really acquired the means to live with other people with these constraints operating?' "

Since such essential social constraints are generally learned from parents, school teachers and other immediate influences, it follows that children left to their own devices may exhibit nasty characteristics. It is quite common for small children to tease or torture animals.

"Aggression, tendencies to attack, are innate in all of us," Midgely says. "Children start with tendencies such as selfishness, aggression, greed and laziness. Small children will try things which are dangerous — like hanging each other — so they have to be trained not to do it. But I don't believe that the actual sin or wickedness or evil is there until endorsed by the character which really understands what the alternatives are."

Even if a child of seven or eight kills somebody "deliberately", Midgely does not consider that he or she intends to do so in the way that an adult does "because they haven't got the same control over their understanding of what is happening. That's what made Mary Bell so exceptional.

"That's why we don't call people evil unless we're convinced they really are fully aware and intending what they're doing. Most awful things are done in the world much more from things like carelessness, confusion and hasty self-interest."

Equally, Midgely thinks it unlikely that people suddenly become evil. "There's a Latin proverb which says that nobody becomes very vile all at once and I would think that on the whole that is a sensible observation."

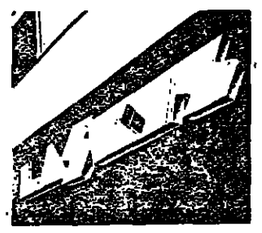
The public's fascination with evil — normally from a safe distance — ranges from newspaper coverage of real-life events to the popularity of productions such as *Macbeth* and *The Omen*. According to Gordon McGill, author of the most recent *Omen* books, "evil children are particularly menacing because they, unlike the sharks in *Jaws*, which aren't nearly so frightening, are behaving out of character".

The traditional belief that there are those possessed by evil spirits is one supported by Bowker. "You can't generalize about evil," he says. "It's not one thing with one cause. It's the consequence of this failure to recognize the necessary restraints upon our behaviour which set us free to live with each other."

Sally Brompton

The three-part television series, Evil, begins next Wednesday at 9pm on Channel 4. The book, Evil, by Subniv Babuta and Jean-Claude Bragard is published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson (£12.95).

EXPERIENCE



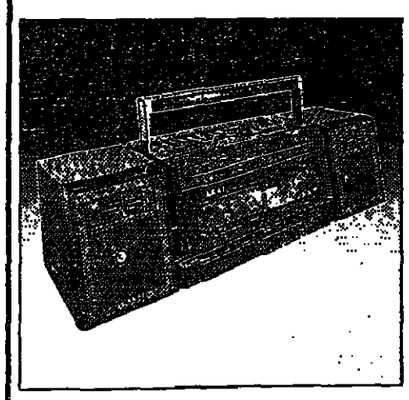
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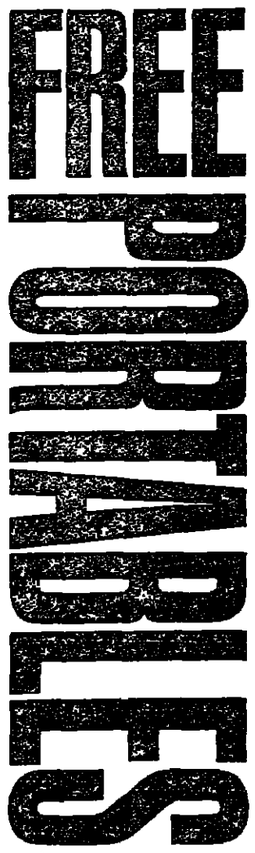
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THEATRE

LONDON

★ **LE CIRQUE IMAGINAIRE:** Return of Victoria Chaplin and Jean-Baptiste Thierrée in quaint show much loved by fans.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock EC4 (01-236 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, £8.50-£12.50.

☆ **THE COMMON PURSUIT:** Simon Gray play traces the fortunes of undergraduate friends; splendid cast led by Rik Mayall, John Sessions, Stephen Fry, John Gordon Sinclair.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-11pm, mats Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm, £6-£14.50.

☆ **DRIVING MISS DAISY:** Wendy Hiller, Barry Foster, Clarke Peters in this year's Pulitzer prizewinner: the relationship between an elderly Jewess and her black chauffeur.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Picadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-8.30pm; mats Sat 5-6.30pm, £5-£14.

☆ **EL SID:** The Great Train Robber who got away to Spain but finds his past catching up with him: musical thriller.
Half Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End Road, E1 (01-790 4000). Tube: Stepney Green. Mon-Sat 8-9.45pm, £3.50-£6.50.

☆ **ONE WAY PENDULUM:** Jonathan Miller's production of N F Simpson's absurdist comedy: strong cast of human actors and tuneful chorus of weighing-machines rehearsing "Hallelujah Chorus".
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, and Sat 4pm, £4-£14.

☆ **TEECHERS:** John Godber's end-of-term play within a play; funny with sad bits.
Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street WC2 (01-836 3334). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 9-11pm. Early performances on Fri and Sat 6.30-8.30pm, £6.50-£11.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

COVENTRY: ☆ **The Elephant Man:** Bernard Pomerance's touching play, with a cast coached in circus skills.
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£6.20.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

BABETTE'S FEAST (U): Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.40, 5.00, 7.25, 9.45.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY (18): Michael J Fox, in his first stab at serious drama. James Bridges directs (107 min).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.40, 11.45.

COP (18): James Woods, cast as a Los Angeles cop buckling under pressure, he also co-produces (110 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.50, 5.35, 8.20, 11.20.**Cannon Panton Street** (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.50.

DOGS IN SPACE (18): Vivid kaleidoscope of young, aimless people in Melbourne during the late Seventies. Written and directed by Richard Lowenstein (109 min).
☎ **Gate** (01-727 4043). Progs 2.15, 4.25, 6.40, 9.00, 11.15.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.00, 4.05, 6.25, 8.40.

■ **HELLO AGAIN (PG):** Shelley Long as the wife who returns form the grave to find her husband otherwise engaged (96 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.35, 8.45, 11.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.10, 4.05, 6.15, 8.30, 11.15.

■ **THE LAST EMPEROR (15):** The story of Pu Yi, China's last imperial ruler (162 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.30, 7.40.
☎ **Lumière** (01-836 0691). Progs 1.20, 4.35, 7.55, 11.15.
☎ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.20, 7.45, 11.15.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 2.00, 7.30.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.30, 7.30.

■ **MOONSTRUCK (PG):** Norman Jewison took the Best Director award at the Berlin Film Festival and Cher the Best Actress Oscar (102 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.05, 8.20.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.10.
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.30, 2.45, 5.00, 7.15, 9.30, 11.45.

OVERBOARD (PG): Goldie Hawn as a rich bitch who gets her comeuppance when she falls off her yacht and suffers from amnesia (112 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.25, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.45, 5.25, 8.15, 11.20. **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.25, 3.35, 5.55, 8.20, 11.15.

■ **PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES (15):** An advertising executive and a shower curtain ring salesman on a nightmare journey from New York to Chicago (100 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35, 11.20.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.15.
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 12.45, 2.45, 5.00, 7.30, 9.45, 11.45.

A PRAYER FOR THE DYING (15): Mickey Rourke as an IRA hit-man on the run in England (107 min).

Alan Titmuss



Have a little faith

Less than two years have elapsed since Wham!'s farewell concert before an 80,000 capacity crowd at Wembley Stadium, and 24-year-old George Michael (above) has already forged a spectacular, internationally successful solo career. In America, where he has effortlessly graduated from teen idol to acclaimed "adult-audience" performer, his single "One More Try" and its host album *Faith* have both been at No.1 for many weeks. Although the selling of Michael has tended to turn on an image of him as a cross between a stubbly teddy bear and a randy, cartoon stud, Elton John has called him "the greatest songwriter of his generation" and there is no doubt that he has the voice to carry a tune. At just under two hours, his show is reported to be a slick presentation of accurately rendered hits, enhanced by snazzy laser graphics and plenty of pert wiggling routines. George Michael plays tonight, tomorrow, Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5 (01-741 8989) 8pm. £12.50-£14.50: June 18, SECC, Glasgow (041 248 3000); June 23,24,25, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133). *David Sinclair*

Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.40, 3.05, 5.35, 8.25, 11.10.

SUSPECT (15): Cher and Dennis Quaid star in Peter Yates's courtroom thriller (135 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.20, 11.15. **Cannon Chelsea** (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.25, 8.10.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 12.40, 3.10, 5.50, 8.25, 11.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 5.10, 8.00, 11.15.

■ **THREE MEN AND A BABY (PG):** Three bachelors suddenly thrust into the problems of babycare (103 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30, 11.15.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.25, 8.40, 11.10.



Das musikalische Opfer **by Johann Sebastian Bach (above) opens the fourth Lufthansa Baroque Festival in a performance by Musica Antiqua of Cologne (see listing). Ten evening concerts are planned around the musical life of cities during the baroque period, including Paris, Venice, Vienna, Leipzig and London. There also are lunch-time recitals by younger artists. Some of the performers, such as Joshua Rifkin's Bach Ensemble and the Mozartean Players, are visiting London for the first time.**

■ **THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING (18):** A story of love and political consciousness set against the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia (172 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.40, 7.10, 10.45.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.25, 5.00, 8.35.
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 1.30, 4.45, 8.00.

■ **WALL STREET (15):** Michael Douglas won an Oscar as the amoral wheeler-dealer; Charlie Sheen co-stars as his naive protégé (126 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.45, 8.30.
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 1.45, 5.10, 8.20, 11.45.

CONCERTS

☆ **MUSICA ANTIQUA:** See caption.
St James's, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-434 4003), June 10-30.

☆ **NICK AND DINAH:** Dinah and Nick's Love Song by Harrison Birtwistle is heard from the Almeida Ensemble conducted by Oliver Knussen, as are Morton Feldman's Two Pieces. Wolpe's Chamber Pieces Nos 1 and 2, Feldman's *Instruments I*, Shapey's *Three for Six*, Cage's 16 Dances and Shapey's *Oh, Jerusalem*.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404), 7.30pm, £5.50.

☆ **CAMARATA CONCERT:** Philip Ellis conducts the English Camarata in Brahms's Serenade No 1, Stravinsky's *Dumbarton Oaks*, Panufnik's *Katyn Epitaph*, Mozart's Bassoon Concerto (Jean Owen, soloist).
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3.50-£10.

☆ **SPANISH IMAGES:** As part of Images de France the LSO is conducted by Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos in Albeniz's Granada and Sevilla orchestrated by Frühbeck de Burgos, excerpts from Gimenez's *La Boda de Luis Alonso*, Granados's *Goyescas*, Chapi's *La Revoltosa*, Falla's *El Amor Brujo*. They also play Ravel's *Alborada del Gracioso*.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £5-£15.

OPERA

☆ **A NIGHT AT THE CHINESE OPERA:** Judith Weir's exciting new work, not to be missed on Kent Opera's tour.
Congress Theatre, Eastbourne (0323-412000), 7.30-10.30pm, £4.50-£16.00.

☆ **FIDELIO:** Strong revival of Joachim Herz's original production for English National Opera, now with Kathryn Harries as the Leonore.
Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London, WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.10pm, £2.00-£21.50.

ROCK

☆ **PACO DE LUCIA:** Rare appearance by the leading flamenco guitarist, accompanied by his full flamenco ensemble.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 8pm, £7.50-£9.50.

☆ **CELEBRATE AFRICA NIGHT:** Hosted by Charlie Gillett and featuring Mahlathini And The Mahotella Queens, Baddoo International and Dagarti Arts. Part of the *Let's Dance* festival.
Demon Dance Palace, Jubilee Gardens, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191) 7.30pm, £4.50. For general information on the festival: 01-920 5002.

☆ **T GRAHAM BROWN:** Energetic New Country star from Athens, Georgia with a distinct soul edge to his singing. Part of the *Route 88* festival.
Half Moon Putney, 93 Lower Richmond Road, London SW15 (01-788 2387) 8pm, £4. *Route 88* hotline: 0898 121066.

JAZZ

☆ **BRASS FANTASY:** Away from the Art Ensemble of Chicago, the trumpeter heads the mini big band whose pastiche repertoire stretches from Ellington to Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston.
Bath Festival, Green Park Station, Bath (info 0225 63362/864411) 9pm.

DANCE

☆ **DARK ELEGIES:** Anthony Tudor's masterpiece for Rambert Dance Company.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916). 7.30-10pm. £3.50-£12.50.

☆ **ALLEGRI DIVERSI:** David Bintley's ballet to Rossini music by Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.
The Big Top, Jesus Green, Cambridge (0223 463377). 7.30-9.45pm, £3.75-£10.

☆ **TRANSFIGURED NIGHT:** Frank Staff's dramatic ballet newly mounted for London City Ballet plus classical extracts.
Queen's Theatre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch (04024 43333), 8-10pm, £4.50.

GALLERIES

INTERNATIONAL CERAMICS FAIR: Displays, lectures and a loan exhibition of 18th Century tobacco containers.
The Dorchester, Park Lane, London W1 (01-734 5491). 11am-5pm, £5, until June 13.

TERENCE CUNEO: An 80th birthday exhibition of paintings by a popular painter.
Mall Galleries, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1 (01-930 6844). Daily 10-5pm, £1, until June 19.

MODERN BRITISH PAINTINGS AND WATERCOLOURS: Works by 40 artists including Frank Dobson, August John and John Nash.
Spink & Son, King Street, London SW1 (01-930 7888), Mon-Fri 9.30-5pm, free, until July 8.

WALKS

THE BURIED CITY – LONDON BENEATH THE STREETS: meet Blackfriars tube. 11.30am, £3 (also next Fri).

GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: meet St Paul's tube, 7pm, £3 (also next Fri).

TREASURES AND TRIVIA OF MAYFAIR AND ST JAMES'S: meet Green Park tube, 11am, £2.50 (also July 1).

GARDENS

CLYDESDALE: Eaglesham, 35 Montgomerie Street: small country informal garden. admission 65p, plants for sale: Sun June 12, 2-6pm.

DEVON: Rosemoor Garden Charitable Trust, Great Torrington, 1m SE of Great Torrington on B3220 to Exeter, admission £1.20, daily all year: 8-5pm.

DERBYSHIRE: Dove Cottage, 1¼m SW of Ashbourne; ¾ acre; admission 50p, Sun June 12, Sat and Sun July 16 and 17, Sun Aug 7: 1-5.30pm.

DORSET: Cranborne Manor Gardens, Cranborne, 10m N of Wimborne, on B3078; admission £1.30, OAP's £1; Sat June 11, and all Weds until end of Sept; 9-5pm.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: The Old Manor, Twyning, 3m N of Tewkesbury via A38; admission £1, plants for sale; open every Mon all year, other weekdays by appointment (Tewkesbury 293516, 299878, evenings): 2-6pm.

GWYNEDD: Foxbrush, Aber Pwll, Port Dinorwic: on Bangor road approach to Port Dinorwic opposite W lodge to Vaynol Estate; admission 50p, Suns June 12, July 10, Aug 21; 2-5pm.

OTHER EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL CERAMICS FAIR AND SEMINAR: A collection of rare tobacco containers and accessories has been loaned by the British-American tobacco company for this year's fair which opens today. Also daily seminars by experts.
The Dorchester, Park Lane, London W1 (01-629-8888). Until June 13 today until Sunday 11am-8pm, Monday 11am-7pm. Admission £5. Lectures £7 each.

"THINGS OF JOY": Three day flower festival plus this evening an organ recital, tomorrow music and drama.
High Beach Church, Epping Forest. Until Sunday. (Info: 01-508 1791).

THE NICHOLSONS: Opening tomorrow, an exhibition of the work of the talented Nicholson family: Ben – painter and fabric designer, Nancy – illustrator and textile designer, Kit – architect and EO – painter and fabric designer.
York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, York (0904-623839). Tomorrow until July 31.

SUMMER ART SALE: Works by two hundred studio artists.
Ayr Gallery, 6/8 Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 7751) 11-8pm, daily until Sun.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: World theatre includes Japanese version of The Tempest by Ninagawa Theatre Company; two British premières from Canada; and visits from Nieuw Ensemble from Belgium, Baxter Theatre from Cape Town, and Schiller Theatre Company from Germany. Aug 14-Sep 5.
Festival Office, 21 Market Street, Edinburgh. (031 225 5756) Postal booking open. Phone/counter booking from July 4.

JAZZ AT THE BARBICAN: Booking for three-day festival of nostalgic American jazz, with Benny Goodman 1938 Carnegie Hall concert: A Night at the Cotton Club with Benny Green; and Jazz from New Orleans. July 16-18.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2. (01 638 8891).

TEA AT THE RITZ: Platform performance by Raving Beauties based on Tillie Olsen anthology "Mother and Daughter, Daughter to Mother".
Cottesloe, June 24 and 27.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1. (01 928 2252)

LAST CHANCE

THE SURREALISTIC SPIRIT IN BRITAIN: Works by Grace Pailthorpe, Edith Rimmington, John Armstrong, John Tunnard, Colin Middleton. Ends today.
Whitford and Hughes, 6 Duke Street, London SW1. (01 930 5577)

ARTS AND CRAFTS – THE CORE YEARS 1880-1910: 15th annual exhibition, including pewter and silver dishes, bases and tea services; and furniture concentrating on oak and mahogany crafted pieces of 1900s.
The Basement, Liberty, Regent Street, London W1. (01 734 1234) Ends today.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse; Gardens: Roy Hay.

WORD-WATCHING

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THE FLUSHPOTS OF EUSTON

(c) Finnegans Wake: "The flushpots of Euston and the hanging garments of Marylebone", echoing the fleshpots of Egypt and the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, pointing the supposed contrast between the sublime ancient and the sordid modern world.

BEGIN, BABY BOY

(b) A repeated phrase in Virgil's Fourth Eclogue, *Sicelides Musae*, widely but erroneously interpreted in the Middle Ages as a prophecy of the birth of Christ.

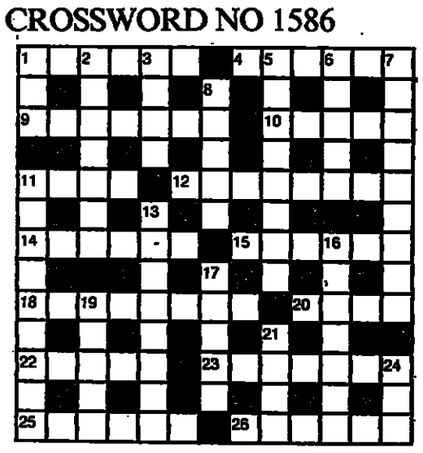
FIRE ON THE EARTH

(c) Luke xii. 49: "I am come to send fire on the earth, and what will I, if it be already kindled?" One of the dark sayings of the Lord, not often used in sermons, but cited by Edmund Campion on his secret, treasonous mission to England in 1580.

BRIGHT BACKSIDE

(b) Sir Henry Vaughan: "How brave a prospect is a bright backside." This was too much for the Rev. H.F. Lyte, who in his edition of Vaughan amended the last two words to "traversed plain".

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BBC1

6.00 *Ceefax AM.*
6.40 The Newlyweds (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Jeremy Paxman and Sally Jones. **8.55** *Regional news and weather.*
9.00 **News** and weather, followed by Dallas (Ceefax) (r).
9.50 **Lyn Marshall's Everday Yoga.** The Back Push-up (r).
10.00 **News** *and weather* followed by **Miniature Worlds.** Mosses and fungi. (Ceefax) (r).
10.15 **Cartoon.**
10.25 **Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings, followed by **Play School** (r) and **Paddington** (r).
10.55 **Five to Eleven** with Mary Chater.
11.00 **News** and weather, followed by **Cook with Claire.** Recipes for healthy puddings and desserts.
11.30 **On the House.** DIY programme which includes items on restoring a ceiling rose, initial surveys and the use of colour.
12.00 **News** and weather, followed by **The Animals Roadshow** which reports from Windsor on the relationship between people and the animals in their lives. (Ceefax) (r).
12.40 **Cartoon.** **12.55** Regional *News and weather.*
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. Weather.
1.30 **Neighbours.** There's a shock in store for Helen.
1.50 **Film: I'm All Right Jack** *(b/w)* (1959). Classic comedy sending up British business and industrial relations in the Fifties. Starring Peter Sellers as an over-zealous shop steward and Ian Carmichael as an upper-class graduate who unwittingly provokes a strike. With Terry-Thomas, Richard Attenborough, Margaret Rutherford, Irene Handl and John Le Mesurier. Directed by John Boulting.
3.30 **Lifeline.** (r).
3.40 **Cartoon.**
3.50 **Laurel and Hardy** (r).
4.00 **Caterpillar Trail. 4.15 Paw Paws.**
4.35 **Film: 4-D Special Agent** (1961). Adventure story about a group of children who help catch a gang of jewel thieves.
5.35 **Neighbours** (r).
6.00 **Six O'Clock News.** With Sue Lawley and Andrew Harvey. Weather.
6.35 **Reporting London.**
7.00 **Wogan.** Terry's guests tonight include the actress Audrey Hepburn, and former Liberal leader David Steel, with his wife Judy.
7.40 **Every Second Counts.** Fast-moving comedy quiz show with Paul Daniels.
8.15 **Dynasty.** Fallon and Steven take a trip to try and clear Blake's name; while Alexis discovers her husband could still be alive and Dana realizes she may not be able to hang on to her's much longer (Ceefax).
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weekend weather.
9.30 **Rockliffe's Babies.** When a petty thief turns informant, Rockliffe is suspicious about his motives. With Lonnie Donegan as Ferns and Ian Hogg as Sergeant Rockliffe. (Ceefax) (r).
10.20 **The 1988 European Football Championship.** Desmond Lynam and Terry Venables introduce highlights of tonight's opening *match between West Germany* and Italy in Düsseldorf. Commentator is Barry Davies.
10.50 **Omnibus.** (see Choice).
12.00 **Film: Rafferty and the Gold Dust Twins** *(1975).* Lightweight comedy about two girls who kidnap a none-too-bright driving instructor and force him to drive them across the States from Los Angeles to New Orleans. Starring Sally Kellerman, Mackenzie Phillips and Alan Arkin. Directed by Dick Richards.
1.30am **Weather.**
1.35am. **Closedown.**

BBC2

6.55 **Open University:** Organic Molecules in Action.
9.00 **Ceefax.**
9.55 **Daytime on Two: Sex Education 10.15** Ceefax **10.38** The Geography Programme **11.00** Storytime **11.18** Mindstretchers **11.23** Ceefax **12.00** English File **12.35** Scene **1.05** Ceefax.
1.20 **Bertha** (r).
1.38 **English Time: Talk On!** The art of gentle persuasion described by people who make their living out of it. (r)
2.00 **News** and weather, followed by **You and Me.** *Jeni Barnett* presents a series for four and five-year-olds. (r).
2.15 **Weekend Outlook.** (r).
2.20 **International Tennis.** Quarter finals in the Stella Artois Championships at Queen's Club in London. Includes **3.00** News and weather, and **3.50** News and weather, followed by regional news and weather.
5.30 **Film 88.** Barry Norman reviews the week's cinema releases including *Bright Lights, Big City* starring Michael J Fox, Peter Yates's *Suspect* starring Cher and Dennis Quaid, and a location report on *A Fish Called Wanda*, a film written and directed by John Cleese (r).
6.00 **Film: The Falcon Strikes Back** (b/w) (1943). Tom Conway stars as the debonair solver of crimes who gets into deadly trouble when he answers a *lady's distress call. Directed by* Edward Dmytryk.
7.05 **The Phil Silvers Show** (b/w). Vintage American comedy featuring the quick-thinking *and fast talking sergeant who* is more interested in gambling than square bashing (r).
7.30 **Artists on Film.** Two films from the BBC archives featuring British *painters and sculptors:* 1966 footage of the painter Francis Bacon talking about his work; and Elisabeth Frink, who in 1971 was making a series of large *head sculptures* in her South of France studio.
8.00 **Weekend.** Guy Michelmore with a preview of things to do and places to go this weekend. (See Variations for other regions' programmes)



Phil Silvers: best loved as the zany Sergeant Ernie Bilko (BBC2, 7.05pm)

8.30 **Gardeners' World** from the *Glasgow Garden Festival* with Geoff Hamilton and Anne Swithinbank following the horticultural trail round the site, paying particular attention to the *theme gardens.*
9.00 **Alas Smith and Jones.** A repeat showing of the comedy series starring Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones starts with their *award-winning episode.* (Ceefax) (r).
9.30 **Bath Festival — American Visitors.** Michael Berkeley introduces the third of four televised concerts from this year's festival. Speculum Musicae (A Mirror of Music) play 20th-century American works ranging from Charles Ives's Second String Quartet to Aaron Copland's Sextet. Includes an interview with Elliott Carter. (Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3).
10.50 **Newsnight** with Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick. **11.35** **Weatherview.**
11.40 **The Week in the Lords.** Christopher Jones reports on the week's proceedings.
12.20 **International Tennis.** Highlights of today's quarter finals in the Stella Artois Championship. Commentators are Dan Maskell, John Barrett, Gerald Williams and Mark Cox. Ends **1.15am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 **TV-am** starts with **The Morning Programme** presented by Richard Keys, followed by **Good Morning Britain.** After Nine includes some of the stars appearing at Saturday's Nelson Mandela Concert at Wembley.
9.25 **Thames News.**
9.30 **Cross Wits.** Quiz game hosted by Tom O'Connor, with guests Susie Blake and Leslie Crowther. **10.00** **Santa Barbara.** **10.25** **News Headlines.**
10.30 **The Time . . . The Place.** Mike Scott chairs a studio discussion on the subject of confidence. What is it? Who has it? Can you acquire it? And if so, how? With guest Max Bygraves.
11.10 **Rainbow** (r).
11.25 **Thames News Headlines.**
11.30 **Voices in the Dark.** Second episode in a repeat showing of the drama serial. Carol is having to *cope with her parents' new* relationships following the break-up of their marriage (r).
12.00 **Gas Street** with Suzi Quatro.
12.30 **The Sullivans.** Post-war Australian family drama series.
1.00 **News at One** with Julia Somerville.
1.30 **Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased).** Vintage comedy detective series. The private eye team are called upon to solve a murder mystery (r).
2.30 9 to 5. American comedy series about office life.
3.00 **Take the High Road.** Matters are coming to a head; Mr Murdock walks into a trap; and Isabel learns a lesson.
3.25 **Thames News Headlines.**
3.30 **Sons and Daughters.** *Australian family drama serial.*
4.00 **Children's ITV** starting with **Button Moon** (r). **4.10** **The Telebugs** (r). **4.20** **Scooby Doo** (r). **4.45** **Splash.** Television *début of Just A Band, whose* members are between 10 and 14-years-old; plus a survey of what irritates people.
5.15 **Winner Takes All.** Family quiz show hosted by Geoffrey Wheeler.
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong.
6.00 **Six O'Clock Show.** Introduced by Michael Aspel. Includes items on the rise, fall and rebirth of streaking; phobias; and the reason 8.8 acres of Berkshire are being sold for only £50,000.
6.30 **European Football Championship.** Coverage of the *first game of the tournament:* West Germany versus Italy match from Düsseldorf. Brian Clough and Trevor Francis comment on the chances of all the *participating teams.*
9.05 **C.A.T.S. Eyes.** A spy serving life imprisonment is persuaded by his cell mate to spill the beans; but the cell mate's wife has her *own ideas on selling secrets.* With Jill Gascoine, Leslie Ash and Tracy-Louise Ward. (Oracle).
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Alastair Stewart.
10.30 ***LWT News and weather.***
10.35 **The London Programme.** It looks like Bradwell nuclear power station will shut down sooner than expected, which will mean *more nuclear traffic through* London. How well will the Emergency Services be able to cope if there was a serious nuclear accident?
11.05 **Film: Q — The Winged Serpent** (1982). Cop story involving a series of grisly sacrificial murders coupled with a prehistoric bird carrying off victims from the rooftops in New York City and a small-time crook who inadvertently discovers the monster's nest. With David Carradine and Michael Moriaty. Directed by Larry Cohen.
1.00 **Night Network.** *Includes music* from Clive Pig; Mick Brown's look at the chart; DJ Tim Westwood broadcasting from off the coast of East Anglia; and another *episode in the classic series* starring *The Monkees.*
4.00 **Baseball 88.** Chicago v Houston.
5.00 **ITN Morning News.** Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 **Schools.**
12.00 **Nature in Focus** explores estuaries and discovers some secretive sea creatures (r).
12.30 **Business Daily.** Financial and business news service presented by John Plender.
1.00 **On Course.** The Open College's weekly magazine series for trainers presented by Anna Ford.
2.00 **The Parliament Programme.** Alastair Stewart with coverage of the work in both houses of Parliament.
2.25 **Channel 4 Racing** from *Sandown Park and York. Brough* Scott and Derek Thompson introduce live coverage of eight races, four from each of the day's principal meetings.
4.30 ***Countdown.*** *Richard Whiteley* introduces the second quarter final in the words and numbers game between Dick Green and Frances Rush. Giles Brandreth *assists in dictionary corner.*
5.00 **Mister Ed** (b/w). Vintage American comedy series starring Alan Young as the man with a talking horse.
5.30 **Street Hockey National Championships.** Second in the four-part series covering the sport's top tournament — the Tennent's Super National *Street Championship,* held in Leicester. Today's programme features the semifinal between (r).
6.00 **The Chart Show** features the video work of Steve Barron and *the heavy metal* specialist chart.
7.00 **Channel 4 News** followed by weather.
7.55 **Book Choice.** Music critic and author Michael Kennedy reviews Michael Scott's biography of the legendary tenor, Enrico Caruso. (Oracle).
8.00 **What the Papers Say** with David Taylor, editor of *Punch.*
8.15 **Dispatches.** Child abuse is on the increase. If it is to be properly confronted, it is suggested there should be a radical re-think of the whole approach to child protection. *Dispatches* reports from Coventry on a model system for dealing with child abuse, which, it is hoped, should avoid most of the problems that occured in Cleveland.



Lyle Lovett: new country singer who is just a good ol' boy (C4, 10.30pm)

9.00 **4 On the Floor.** First in a new *comedy series from* Canada featuring Paul Chato, Rick Green, Dan Redican and Peter Wildman, also known as the Frantics.
9.30 **A Gardener's Guide.** Harry Barker displays some of the 700 different varieties of apple tree in his care, and demonstrates how to plant and care for apple trees in your garden. (Oracle).
10.00 **Cheers.** Comedy series set in a Boston bar. Tonight the new business-like manager is caught in Evan's bedroom with embarrassing consequences. (Oracle).
10.30 **The Last Resort.** Joining Jonathan this evening are the novelist Martin Amis, character actor Harry Dean Stanton, soul singer Al Green, and new country star Lyle Lovett.
11.15 **Wired.** This week's edition includes performances by Elton John and Ziggy Marley.
12.15 **Film: It Came from Hollywood** (1982). Compilation of the film world's worst moments — surreal and unintentionally hilarious scenes from minor *classics such as Attack of the 50-foot Woman, The Blob* and *Attack of the Killer Tomatoes.* Introduced by Dan Aykroyd and John Candy. Ends at **1.45am.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES:** 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News, followed by Neighbours **1.30am-1.35** News, weather, close. **SCOTLAND:** 10.50am Dotsmen **11.00-11.30** News, weather, Cook with Clare **6.35** Reporting Scotland **7.00-7.40** Summertime **10.20-10.50** Left Right and Centre **12.00am** 1988 European Football Championship **12.30** Film: Rafferty and the Gold Dust Twins **1.55** Weather, close. **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.35pm Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** Inside Ulster Update. **ENGLAND:** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 **WALES:** 6.00pm Gwyn Jones — Professor **6.30-6.00** Gardening Together **SCOTLAND:** 6.00pm-6.30 Catchword **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 10.15am-10.38 Ulster In Focus **5.00pm-5.30** Weekend. **ENGLAND:** 5.00pm-5.30 Midlands: Take a Break; North: Twenty Years; North-East: Townscape; North West: North West Face; South: After Adlard Coles; South-West: Western Approach; West: West On Two.

ANGLIA As London except:9.25am-9.30 Anglia News and Weather **1.20pm** Anglia News and Weather **1.30-3.00** Film: Silver Lode **5.00-5.20** About Anglia **10.35** Cross Question **11.15-1.00am** Film: Grizzly.

BORDER As London except:9.25am-9.30 Border News **1.20pm** Border News **1.30** Film: Flesh and Blood **3.15** The Water Garden **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **10.35** TT Week Special **11.05** The Paul Cole Show **11.35** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.30am** Weather, close.

CENTRAL As London except:9.25am-9.30 Central News **12.30pm** Home Cookery Club **12.35-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** Central News **1.30-3.00** Film: Nurse on Wheels **5.00-5.30** Central News **10.35** Central Weekend **12.00** Film: Assault on Precinct 13 **1.45am** Kojak **2.45** 'C' **4.30-5.00** The Other Side of Midnight.

GRANADA As London except:9.25am-9.30 Granada Reports **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30** Granada Reports: The Week in View **2.00-3.00** Charlie's Angels **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Granada Reports **10.35** This England **11.05** Hunter **12.00** The Other Side of Midnight **12.30am** Film: Blind Terror **2.15** The UK Top 10 **2.45** America's Top 10 **3.15** Europe's Top 10 **3.45** Roberta Flack in Concert **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except:9.25am-9.30 HTV News **12.30pm-1.00** The Physic Diller Show **1.20** HTV News **1.30-3.00** Not Wanted on Voyage' **6.00-6.30** HTV News **10.35** The Good Neighbour Show **11.05** Your Say **11.20** Kojak **12.20am** 'V' **2.20** Weather, close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six **10.35** International Rugby Preview **11.35** As HTV West *at 11.20pm* **12.35am** As HTV West at 12.20am **2.35** Weather, Close.

TSW As London except:9.25am-9.30 Today News and Weather **12.30pm-1.00** An Invitation to Remember **1.20** Today News and Weather **1.30-3.00** Film: A Nice Girl Like Me **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Today **10.35** Film: Meteor **12.35am** Music Special **1.35** Postscript **1.40** Weather, close.

TVS As London except:9.25am-9.30 TVS News and Weather **12.30pm-1.00** All Our Yesterdays **1.20** TVS News and Weather **1.30** The Treatment **2.00** Falcon Crest **3.00** Chain Letters **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **10.35** Facing South **11.05** Film: Breakthrough **12.45am-1.00** Terence Trent D'Arby **4.00** Company **4.05** Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous (Cybil Shepherd) **4.30-5.00** That's Gardening.

TYNE TEES As London except:9.25am-9.30 Regional News **1.20pm** Regional News **1.25** Lookaround **1.30-3.00** Film: Watch is Sailor **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **10.35** International Rugby Preview **11.35** Film: Eyes of Laura Mars **1.25am** Epilogue **1.35-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:9.25am-9.30 The Day Ahead **1.30pm-3.00** Film: The Trap **6.00** Summer Edition **6.15-6.30** *Summer Sport* **10.35** *Witness* **10.40** Falcon Crest **11.35** The Man From UNCLE **12.30am** News.

YORKSHIRE As London except:9.25am-9.30 Calendar News **12.30pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** Calendar News **1.25** Help Yourself **1.30-3.00** Film: Raising the Wind **6.00-6.30** Calendar **10.35** Film: The Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday **12.30am** Film: Kill Me Tomorrow **2.00** Kojak **3.00** Music Box **4.00** In Concert: Album **4.30-5.00** Meltdown.

RTE 1 Starts:4.00pm News headlines and weather followed by Sons and Daughters **4.30** Bosco **5.00** Cockleshell Bay **5.15** The Secret World of Polly Flint **5.45** News **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Newstime **6.30** Cartoon Time **6.40** Hillary's Adventurers **7.05** Sea Hunt **7.30** Room Outside **8.00** Matlock **9.00** News **9.30** Fathers and Sons **11.15** News **11.20** Close.

RTE 2 Starts:5.30pm Get Smart **6.00** European Football Championship **8.00** Naucht **8.10** European Football Championship Contd **9.15** Keating on Painters **9.45** Paper Chase **10.40** Newsnight **11.00** Kellogg's Grand Prix of Dublin **12.00** Close.



Passers-by contemplate the burning piles of rubbish on the streets of Budapest, 1956 (My Homeland: BBC1, 10.50pm)

Last testament of a man of vision

TELEVISION CHOICE

● The orthodox way of making a television documentary on the 1956 Hungarian uprising would be to gather the newsreel footage, interview as many people as possible who were *in Budapest during that* fateful October and November, intercut the two elements and glue them together with a commentary. The result would be competent and watchable and not hold a candle to **My Homeland** (BBC1, 10.50pm). Its writer-director, Robert Vas, either eschewed the documentary conventions or transcended them. He dispensed with *interviews. He spoke his own* commentary. He showed that the black and white still picture was often more potent than colour film. He always looked to exploit the creative tension between sound and image. And he infused his work with a profound humanity. Vas was himself a Hungarian, a refugee of 1956 who made his home in Britain and became, until his early death, an *outstanding director of* documentary films for television. He consistently chose uncomfortable subjects, like Hiroshima or the General Strike or the Katyn massacre. He also made a film about *Humphrey Jennings,* a predecessor and inspiration, notably in his use of sound and image and his cultural grasp. Like Jennings, Vas always looked to the wider intellectual context and *My Homeland* is not just a record of Soviet tanks rumbling through Budapest but an *examination,* through poetry, painting and other artistic statements, of centuries of Hungarian history. First shown on the 20th anniversary of the 1956 revolution, it is being repeated because of current interest in Hungary after the fall of Kadar. But *My Homeland* is most of all a tribute to a film-maker of remarkable talent.

Peter Waymark

The big squeeze

RADIO CHOICE

● As yet, there are few signs of overflow in David Spenser's attempt to squeeze Anthony Trollope's quart-size novel **The Way We Live Now** (Radio 4, 3.00pm) into a pint-pot serial. Admittedly, we are still at the first episode stage. But the auguries are good. In any case, if radio can distill a sprawling giant of a book like *Dickens's Martin Chuzzlewit* into a serial as it did last year and not lose anything worth keeping, and if the essence of a mighty tome like *Little Dorrit* can be caught in six hours of movie time, Trollope's more compact work should not present a careful adaapter with any insuperable problems. Comparisons with *Little Dorrit* are unavoidable because at the heart of both books stands a corrupt financier doomed to make a spectacular fall. Trollope's Melmotte appears only *sketchily in episode one* of Spenser's adaptation this afternoon, but already it is obvious that David March is going to make a fine job of him, taking his cue from the narrator's sardonic thought that dishonesty, if it can become splendid, will cease to



David March: a taste of what follows next week (R4, 3pm)

be abominable. What is also clear about this radio version is that because Trollope's satirical portraits of his fellow Victorians are flesh-and-blood creations and not animated symbols, Spenser has not had to work too hard to breathe life into them. They are already bursting with it.

Peter Davalle

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Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see Radio 1) **4.00** Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Teddy Johnson's 78 Show **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.00** The Golden Years **10.30** Star Trek II **11.00** Angela Rippon **1.00am** David Bellan presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Meridian **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Write On . . . **7.45** *Seven Seas* **8.00** News *8.09 Reflections* **8.15** A Schubert Anthology **8.30** Music Now **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.45** Future Imperfect **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Andy Kershaw's World of *Music* **10.15** *Seven Seas* **10.30** *Londres* Midi **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Talking From... **11.30** Meridian **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Europe's World **12.30** Business Matters **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** *John Peel 2.00 Outlook* **2.45** *Nature* Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** After Henry **3.45** Stones by Elizabeth Bowen **4.00** News **4.09** News About Britain **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** *Outlook 7.39 Stock Market Report* **7.45** Personal View **8.00** News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Europe's World **9.30** Business Matters **9.45** Behind the Wall **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Presentation Programmes **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** World Today **5.00** News and 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. News Headlines **7.00** Morning Concert: Liszt (Grand Galop Chromatique: Jorge Bolet, piano); Knechtl (Horn Concerto in D: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Iona Brown with Barry Tuckwell); Ireland (Symphonic rhapsody, Mai Dun: LPO under Bryden Thomas) **7.30** News **7.35** *Morning Concert (contd):* Johann Strauss (Overture: Die Fledermaus: Vienna PO under Lorin Maazel); Kreisler (Slavonic Fantasy: Oscar Shumsky, violin and Milton Kaye, piano); Hoffmeister (Flute Concerto in G: ECO under Laurence Leonard with Ingrid Dingfelder); Tchaikovsky (*Capriccio italien:* Oslo PO under Mariss Jansons) **8.30** News **8.35** Composers of the Week: Telemann. Music from his last decade. Suite in D by Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner; Dramatic cantata: Ino by Ensemble Melante 81 under Bob Van Speren (r) **9.35** Music for Flute and Piano: Roussel (Joueurs de flûte, Op 27); Louis Aubert (Madrigal); Philippe Gaubert (Madrigal); Koechlin (14 chants, Op 157 No 2) performed by Christopher Hyde-Smith (flute) and Jane Dodd (piano) **10.05** Eugène Goossens: Phantasy Concerto for piano and orchestra (Op 60): BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Bryden Thomson with Eric Parkin (piano) **10.35** Sting Duos: Spohr (*Duo in* E minor) and Mozart (Duo in G, k 423) by Mark Lubotsky (violin) and Nobuko Imai (viola) (r) **11.15** *The Restless Heart:* Delius (Love's Philosophy; Indian Love Song); Balakirev (My Soul Is Dark); Schumann (Aus den hebraischen *Gesangen); Wolf (Keine* gleicht von allen Schönen; Sonne der Schlummerlosen); Gounod (Vierge d'Athènes); Maud *Valérie White (So We'll Go* No More A-Roving); Quilter (Love's Philosophy): devised and sung by Jennifer Smith (soprano) with Christopher Ross (piano) **11.50** Scottish Chamber Orchestra: under Roderick Brydon. Dvorak (Serenade in E for string orchestra); Milhaud (Concerto for marimba and vibraphone) and Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin) **1.00** News **1.05** Chamber *Music from* Manchester: Bach (Three-part inventions); Scriabin (Sonata no 9, Black Mass); Knussen (Sonya's Lullaby) with Peter Hill (piano) **2.00** BBC Singers in Maidenhead: conducted by Jolly. Thomas Tomkins (Magnificat of the Second Service); Nicholas Bannan (*Magnificat*); Schütz (*Herr,* nun lassest du deinen Diener, swv 433); Bannan (Nunc dimittis). Includes **2.50** Nicholas Bannan talks about the role of the composer in the community **2.25** Finzi ; Grainger ; Duke Ellington (Mood Indigo); Lennon and McCartney (Lady Madonna) **3.15** Schoenberg and Brahms: Schoenberg (Verklärte Nacht); Brahms (Concerto in A minor for violin, cello and orchestra) by BBC Philharmonic Orchestra *under Günther Herbig* **4.25** Buxtehude and His Contemporaries: Buxtehude (Praeludium in A minor; Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ); Sweelinck (Toccata in D minor. Ondeer een Linde); Jakob Praetorius (Magnificat II toni); Brühns (Praeludium in E minor) (3 of 5) (r) **5.00** Mainly for Pleasure **5.30** The Piano Blues: With Francis Wilford-Smith (7 of 10) **7.00** News **7.05** *Third Ear: Bryan Appleyard* with playwright Nick Ward **7.30** Languages Spoken Here: An award-winning comedy by Richard Nelson **8.35** *Early Music Network:* Monteverdi, Grandi and Scheidt by Les Saqueboutiers de Toulouse with Sally Bradshaw (soprano) **9.15** Donizetti and Mayr: Donizetti (Sinfonia in G minor); J S Mayr (Salve regina in C) **9.30** Bath Festival 1988: Recital by Speculum Musicae: Copland (Sextet). Includes **9.46** Michael Berkeley talks to members of Speculum Musicae **9.50** Ives (Quartet No 2 for strings) **10.15** Michael Berkeley talks to Elliott Carter **10.20** Carter (Triple Duo). Simultaneous broadcast with BBC2 **11.00** Composers of the Week: Stravinsky. Ave Maria; Credo and Pater Noster; Elégie (1944); Mass Symphonies of Wind Instruments and Requiem Canticles (r) **12.00** News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on VHF **5.55** *Shipping forecast* **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** *Business News* **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.50** Your Letters **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News **9.05** Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest is chef Anton Mosimann (s) (r) **9.45** *Feedback: Chris Dunkley* airs viewers' comments about BBC programmes and policy **10.00** News; International Assignment **10.30** Morning Story: The Attic by Mark Green, read by Jenny Seagrove **10.45** Daily Service (s) **11.00** News; Analysis: Peter Hennessy chairs a discussion with John Biffen, Tony Benn and Lord Jenkins about Parliament — it's sovereignty; its role as watchdog for Whitehall and the Cabinet; and the standards of MP's behaviour **11.47** Treasure Islands: The children's book programme *with Penelope Lively.* Includes a discussion on how children learn to read and examines the value of reading schemes **12.00** *News;* You and Yours with John Howard **12.25** The Food Programme: Derek Cooper reports on satay and bread — two ancient foods **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00** News; Woman's Hour: Includes a discussion on violence in the health professions with Dr Pat Price of the BMA; Molly Bradham, director of Twycross Zoo, talks about helping endangered species of monkies and Claudia Koonz examines the role women played in Hitler's Nazi party **3.00** News The Way We Live Now by Anthony Trollope, dramatised in eight parts by David Spenser (1) starring David March (s) (See Choice) **4.00** News **4.05** My Heroes: Cliff Morgan in *conversation with six guests* who talk about the people who've influenced them (2) Sir Antony Jay (s) **4.30** Kaleidoscope (r) **5.00** PM: Presented by Frances *Coverdale and Hugh Sykes* **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00** Six O'Clock News; Financial Report **6.30** Freewheeling: Barry Norman with a weekly guide to what's going on, where and when. Including Dame Judy Dench talking about her leisure pursuit on the *Isle of Erika; Martin Roberts* joins the Gorton Golden Adventurers and Clare Rayner explains the "Dunmow Flitch" **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents her selection from the week's television and radio programmes (s) **8.20** Any Questions?: Jonathan Dimbleby with a panel including Lord St John of Fawsley and Arthur Scargill, President of the National Union of Mineworkers **9.05** Law in Action: John Eidinow examines the arguments surrounding the Government's attempt to *ban newspapers from* publishing extracts from *Spycatcher* with the House of Lords hearing due to begin this week **9.30** Letter From America by Alistair Cooke **9.45** Kaleidoscope: interview with Kazuo Ishiguro, British born Japanese writer **10.15** A Book at Bedtime Riceyman Steps by Arnold Benett (10 of 15) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.00** Today in Parliament **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Week Ending. A satirical review of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate and Sally Grace (s) **12.00** News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **VHF** as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Explorers **11.20** Playtime **11.35** Music Workshop **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Let's Join In **2.25** The Song Tree **2.40** Folk Dance Wales **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time. Deutsch fur die Oberstufe.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF648kHz/463m.

Ethiopia facing renewed famine

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Ethiopia faces an impending catastrophe far greater than the famine of four years ago, the authoritative Commons foreign affairs committee warned in a stark and uncompromising report published yesterday.

The MPs said it was "dangerously false optimism" for the West to assume that the horrors of 1984-85 could not recur. There would be more droughts. Rapid population growth, poor farming techniques, widespread deforestation and land degradation represented "a spiral which, if unbroken, must result in tragedy".

They also said that huge numbers may die of starvation this year because the war in Eritrea and Tigré was making relief operations almost impossible.

The MPs, four of whom visited Ethiopia in February, strongly condemned the Ethiopian Government, and the Eritrean and Tigré Peoples Liberation Fronts. "The cycle of drought and famine in northern Ethiopia is unlikely ever to be broken while the military conflicts continue".

The committee, chaired by Mr David Howell, a former Tory minister, called on the Government to promote an international effort to achieve a political solution of the conflicts. It demanded that the Red Cross be allowed to operate unhindered in Eritrea and Tigré, and that foreign aid workers be allowed back.

But it also said that the British Government should explore ways of giving constructive long-term assistance to Ethiopia

The committee said neighbouring Sudan was also threatened with a "major disaster". Up to two million displaced people were already in "desperate straits". Aid officials in Khartoum were warning of "famine on an unprecedented scale" if the rains failed this year. The committee urged donor countries to examine immediately how food stockpiles could be established.

Foreign Affairs Committee: Famine in the Horn of Africa. HMSO £11.30.

● **Aid pressure:** The world's main aid donors must find ways of putting pressure on "evil and stupid" regimes whose policies make poverty and famine worse, Mr Christopher Patten, the Overseas Development Minister, said yesterday.

Speaking in New York to the Carnegie Council, Mr Patten said that ministers in aid-giving countries like Britain had to justify to voters why money was spent on humanitarian assistance to nations whose survival depended on external aid. But, even more difficult, was to explain why more could not be done to end the underlying causes of refugees, famine and human suffering.

Silver salver heads for a glittering prize



Mr Paul de Lamerie with a smile to rival the lustre of his prize possession. In 1972 he sold this silver ewer and basin, once owned by the church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, at Sotheby's for £26,000, but he bought it back when he discovered its true worth. Yesterday, at the Grosvenor House Antiques Fair in London, he was offering it for sale at the Koopman stand for a price of "more than £400,000". Saleroom, page 5. (Photograph: Marc Aspland)

Gatting stripped of his captaincy

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agreed that he had acted irresponsibly."

Mr May issued a Press statement which said that Gatting had been seen by the selectors earlier in the day, "and he had informed them that allegations of sexual misconduct by him which had appeared in the national press were without any foundation and were strongly denied. His solicitors would be serving writs alleging libel against the newspapers concerned.

"The selectors emphasized that they did not believe the allegations in the newspapers and accepted Gatting's account of what had happened. May said, however, that the selectors were concerned that Gatting had behaved irresponsibly during a Test match by inviting female company to his room for a drink in the late evening. Warnings had previously been issued to all England players concerning the standard of behaviour expected of them at all times both on and off the field, and these had been ignored."

Mr Stewart said: "The fact is that he laid himself open to all that has appeared in the papers everybody has read, and that has rather damaged the image of cricket, and the cricket of the England team.

"If the invitation to a particular lady had not been made he would not have laid himself open to particular allegations. No player must put himself into a position whereby the image of England's cricket is damaged in any way."

Mr Stewart said that Gatting's explanation had covered two evenings during the first Test, and that Gatting acknowledged that he had been alone with the barmaid.

"The explanation was purely a social event. It was the end of a short celebration on his birthday, but much more has been made of it by allegations in the papers."

Peter May stressed that the loss of captaincy was for one match only and that he could not say what would happen for the third Test.

When asked to comment on the unprecedented removal of Gatting from the captaincy, Mr May said: "It is very sad insofar as we have had a marvellous start to the season. We like to think it is the greatest honour in the game to play for England. He has lost the captaincy for one Test match. Mike Gatting has lost the highest honour in cricket, to be captain of England for the next Test match."

Mr Stewart has already spoken to every player concerned in the allegations on the telephone, as well as to the manager of the hotel and to the company secretary of the pub concerned, the Red Lion Inn in Rothley.

Pretoria threat over BBC film

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

The South African Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, last night hinted at possible action against BBC representatives here in retaliation for the screening by the corporation on Wednesday night of a television documentary on the mistreatment of black children in detention.

Mr Vlok said it was shocking that the documentary, *Suffer Little Children*, had been shown without first giving the South African Government and police a chance to see the film and comment on what he claimed were biased allegations.

"Worst of all is the fact that a spokesman for the BBC in London still had the audacity to phone my office yesterday (Wednesday) to ask for comment, but still without us having been given the opportunity to view the film. When Brigadier (Leon) Mellet (the minister's press spokesman) asked the the BBC spokesman why the allegations were not put to the South African police for comment beforehand, the interviewer said that 'quite frankly, the BBC does not believe the South African Government'."

● **Curbs renewed:** The nationwide state of emergency in South Africa is to be renewed for another 12 months.

Transport Union rebuffs Kinnock

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Todd, who had urged the executive to nominate Mr Kinnock and Mr Hattersley, was being portrayed by leadership and union sources last night as a warning shot to Mr Kinnock rather than a vote for Mr Prescott.

It was said that if the executive had wanted to make an overt gesture of support for Mr Prescott it would have done so by backing a Kinnock-Prescott ticket. Instead it rejected that by 20 votes 17 Mr Todd's advice.

Organizers of the Kinnock-Hattersley campaign, and Mr Todd, were voicing complete confidence last night that the executive or, crucially, the union's delegation to the Labour conference would eventually back the Kinnock-Hattersley ticket.

Nine of the the union's 11 regions have backed the dual leadership, and it was said it would be inconceivable that the executive would ignore that view.

Mr Todd said his executive "was worried about the creation of policy on both defence and public ownership and now wanted to tread water until October".

Mr Kinnock is expected to meet the union's leaders before September to talk about his defence stance, and offer clarification and explanation. One senior source suggested that there would be some "buttering up."

But it was being made clear that he would not be retreating from the argument he made in his controversial television broadcast that Labour's review of defence policy must take account of changing world events.

It was Mr Kinnock's remark that "there is now no need for something-for-nothing unilateralism" that has been widely interpreted as the abandonment of Labour's unilateralist stance.

And members of the Kinnock-Hattersley campaign team said last night they had miscalculated just how much offence that would cause within the TGWU executive.

The hard left clearly opposes Mr Kinnock's new line on defence, but it had been hoped that Mr Todd would have been able to swing sufficient of the executive to back the ticket.

Now that he has failed there appeared to be little regret among Mr Kinnock's supporters last night that he had decided to raise the nuclear defence issue in the way he has and at the delicate time he has.

Even so it is clear that of all the policy changes being pushed by Mr Kinnock the most difficult to get through will be defence where in some unions, including the TGWU, opposition to his new line goes beyond the hard left and encompasses some of his allies on the soft left.

Commons sketch

Ups and downs of Ron Brown

Mr Ron Brown was back in place, still looking rather out of place. Always something of a solitary figure – if his propensity for showering were not so well attested, the suspicion of malodourousness might arise – he was sitting by himself, in the middle of a middle bench, busily writing notes.

Even during those periods when he is allowed into the Chamber, he is not a frequent visitor to Questions to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Those tend to be somewhat sparsely populated, mainly by rural and little-known members. It is hard to cause a row or even get a little upset when the subject is sheep.

One of the advantages of Agricultural Questions is that no-one else has much to say. Consequently, it is pretty easy to catch the Speaker's eye. After popping to his feet a number of times, Mr Ron Brown was eventually called. "Mr Ron BROWN!" A glimmer of interest flickered through the drowsy House as all eyes slowly turned in his direction. One or two Tory MPs even managed a cheer of sorts. It used to be that the ironic cheer was reserved solely for Mr Robert Maclennan, but now it has extended to a whole range of odd-bods: Paddy Ashdown, Alan Beith, Roy Hattersley, and now, it seems, Ron Brown.

Mr Brown speaks in a quiet, intermittently decipherable Scottish accent. "The EEC is a cynical ...erumpherumph ... makes people suffer ... face facts ...erumpherumph ...stop kiding people the EEC matters ....erumpherumph ....only maters for people in big business". He speaks in a manner which suggests he is really just leading up to asking the House if it can see its way clear to lending him the cost of a cup of tea, and that his soft-spoken prefacing remarks are merely part of this larger ploy.

His short speech over, Mr Brown resumed his seat, scribbling once again on his large yellow pad. Meanwhile, Mr Harry Greenway, another urban member, called for the classification of the horse as an agricultural animal. "What animal could be more agricultural than a horse?" he asked. "A cow" came the reply from one of his fellow backbenchers.

Back to Mr Brown. All the way through Questions to the Prime Minister, he was up and down, up and down, determined to ask another question, but always others were called. Even the squashy verbosity of Mr Roy Hattersley's lolloping questions could do nothing to relax him.

Conservatives praised South Africa, the Welsh wailed about Welsh, Socialists moaned about Gibraltar, but still Mr Brown would not be diverted. Mr Eric Heffer, seeking to exit, brushed past him. Mr Heffer has a soft spot in his heart for minorities, and no minority comes smaller than Mr Brown, so Mr Heffer couldn't resist a supportive word. Beside Mr Brown, Mr Heffer appears as the archetypal capitalist, and his red braces and blue and white striped shirt lend further the impression that he may well be Mr Michael Douglas after a heavy weight has fallen on his head. Mr Brown accepted Mr Heffer's encouragement with a cheery grin.

"Mr Ron...Davies!" boomed the Speaker during Points of Order. Nearly, but not quite. "Mr John BROWN!" he boomed five minutes later. A Ron, and a Brown, but still no Ron Brown. It all seemed part of a cruel conspiracy, the Revenge of the Mace-Lovers. On the bench in front, Mr Dave Nellist was leaping to his feet, and, in front of him, Mr Robert Maclennan. Mr Nellist was given his turn, and, as he spoke of an aircraft crash in his constituency, Mr Brown rolled up his order paper in angst.

But then - "Mr RON Brown!". His persistence had been rewarded, and, perhaps in celebration, Mr Brown spoke with unprecedented clarity. "The Prime Minister has condemned trial by the media" he said. "Is it not time we had a special debate concerning the role of the press barons and the way they repeatedly pump out dishonest stories about public figures, including Hon. Members of this House?" And with that he made his exit, again the solitary figure. Behind him, the others jabbered on, yet another shower he would prefer to avoid.

Craig Brown

Concession by Tehran

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Iran has made a third unexpected gesture towards Britain, increasing speculation that Tehran is keen to improve relations.

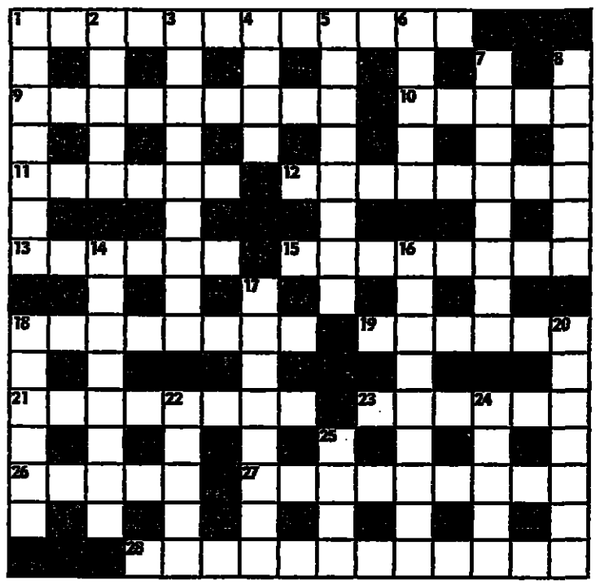
A Swedish diplomat representing British interests has been allowed to visit Mr Nicholas Nicola, a Londoner held in Tehran's Evin prison. Mr Nicola, who was arrested in September 1986 and alleged to have fired shots near the border with Pakistan, had not received a consular visit before.

At the same time, Iran granted a visa to Mr Paul Cooperto visit his brother, Mr Roger Cooper, aged 53, held on spying allegations.

The moves coincided with talks in London on a British offer to pay Tehran £1.8 million compensation for damage to its embassy.

The talks were to have ended yesterday but were unexpectedly extended when the Iranian delegation asked for an adjournment to consider the British proposals.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,692



ACROSS

1 Toffee made by bishop, say, with whisky (12).
9 Quiet employees take in president – it's perfectly plain (9).
10 Apparition one dismissed in such indignation (5).
11 Make tough boy put girl first (6).
12 He made chairs for a woman, put to use outside (8).
13 They are endlessly represented as unrefined (6).
15 Drudge grips trunk (8).
18 Excellent new leader with a 15? (8).
19 University managed by America is heaven personified (6).
21 Exact description of the article (8).
23 Indian quickly restraining horse's head (6).
26 In which signals need no decoding (5).
27 Its work is noted in the pit (9).
28 Upon which he thought he saw a Buffalo (Carroll) (7-5).

DOWN

1 Be without one sketch of an aircraft (7).
2 Earnest dedication? (5).
3 Bound to hit the ambassador in the end (9).
4 Fish caught in unhappy circumstances (4).
5 Scion unattracted by a hunting expedition (8).
6 Cringe like many a debtor (5).
7 Damaged what, in the Cape, is a prickly tree (8).
8 Bogus means of communication an unknown quantity (6).
14 Thin and upset if a long time in debt (8).
16 Tip 23, perhaps, and odd characters from Paris (5-4).
17 Party programme for a thick soul, say (8).
18 As proof, quote some of the Sadducees (6).
20 Exudation to observe on one side of a leaf (7).
22 PM appearing at the end of 12 (5).
24 Fashion? That's for an attractive girl (5).
25 Pearl's mother beheaded in a Brazilian state? (4).

Concise crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

QUOTE SHORTS
By Philip Howard

THE FLUSHPOTS OF EUSTON
a. Pevsner
b. Martin Amis
c. James Joyce

BEGIN, BABY BOY
a. Hemingway
b. Virgil
c. Beatrix Potter

FIRE ON THE EARTH
a. H.G. Wells
b. T.S. Eliot
c. Jesus Christ

BRIGHT BACKSIDE
a. Sir Thomas Browne
b. Henry Vaughan
c. W.H Auden

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,691

P	R	E	S	E	N	T	A	T	I	O	N			
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WEATHER

Northern and eastern Scotland and England, except for sunny south west and Channel Islands, cloud and rainy patches. Northern Ireland and western Britain, dry with sunny periods. Outlook: sun in western and central areas. Southern England and north east Scotland, cloud after rain.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.5	.11	14	57	shower
Bridlington	1.7	1.25	15	59	rain
Hunstanton	-	.19	13	55	rain
Cromer	-	.29	13	55	rain
Lowestoft	0.7	.05	16	61	rain
Clacton	1.1	.05	16	61	cloudy
Southend	*	.01	16	61	cloudy
Margate	4.4	-	15	59	dull
Folkestone	10.8	-	17	63	bright
Hastings	4.7	-	15	59	sunny
Eastbourne	12.6	-	18	64	sunny
Brighton	4.3	-	17	63	bright
Worthing	4.4	-	17	63	bright
Littlehmpts	2.9	-	17	63	cloudy
Bognor R	3.6	-	16	61	bright
Southsea	2.2	-	17	63	cloudy
Sandown	7.9	-	19	66	sunny
Bournemth	1.8	-	17	63	cloudy
Poole	1.1	-	16	61	cloudy
Swanage	5.8	-	17	63	bright
Weymouth	0.2	-	16	61	cloudy
Exmouth	1.8	-	15	59	dull
Torquay	5.0	-	17	63	sunny
Falmouth	2.1	-	16	61	cloudy
Penzance	2.8	-	16	61	bright
Scilly Isles	3.7	-	17	63	bright
Jersey	11.5	-	19	66	sunny
Guernsey	14.2	-	18	61	sunny
Newquay	2.2	.12	16	61	cloudy
Ilfracombe	*	.06	*	*	dull
Minehead	0.9	-	14	57	dull
Morecambe	5.5	.04	21	70	cloudy
Douglas	*	-	20	68	shower
Carlisle	11.3	-	20	68	bright
Leeds	0.4	1.13	17	63	rain
Nottingham	0.2	.63	13	55	rain
Anglesey	2.8	.07	17	63	rain
Colwyn Bay	2.3	.43	15	59	rain
Tenby	0.3	.04	17	63	cloudy
Aberdeen	11.3	-	16	61	sunny
Aviemore	1.9	-	16	61	bright
Eskdalemuir	9.6	-	17	63	bright
Kinloss	9.0	-	16	61	bright
Lerwick	15.0	-	14	57	sunny
Prestwick	7.4	-	20	68	bright
Stornoway	14.2	-	12	54	sunny
Tiree	11.8	-	15	59	sunny
Wick	13.6	-	15	59	sunny

* Denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.16	6.6	11.33	6.4
Aberdeen	10.43	3.8	11.33	3.6
Avonmouth	4.14	11.5	4.48	11.5
Belfast	8.28	3.2	9.05	3.1
Cardiff	3.59	10.7	4.33	10.7
Devonport	2.39	4.9	3.23	4.8
Dover	8.28	5.8	8.47	6.0
Falmouth	2.09	4.7	2.53	4.6
Glasgow	9.57	4.2	10.37	4.1
Harwich	9.08	3.5	9.18	3.5
Holyhead	7.36	5.0	8.20	4.8
Hull	3.42	6.4	3.40	6.8
Ilfracombe	3.02	7.9	3.33	7.7
Leith	11.55	5.1	-	-
Liverpool	8.27	8.4	9.08	8.2
Lowestoft	7.07	2.1	6.42	2.3
Margate	9.27	4.3	9.27	4.4
Milford Haven	3.18	6.1	3.51	5.9
Newquay	2.17	6.1	2.49	5.9
Oban	3.21	3.4	3.44	3.1
Penzance	1.52	4.9	2.33	4.8
Portland	3.38	1.6	4.21	1.6
Portsmouth	8.43	4.0	9.18	4.3
Shoreham	8.31	5.2	9.02	5.6
Southampton	8.18	4.0	8.52	4.3
Swansea	3.30	8.1	4.04	8.1
Tees	1.05	4.5	1.12	4.8
W'ton-on-Nze	9.06	3.7	9.19	3.7

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	22	72	s	Madrid	14	57	d
Akrotiri	27	81	s	Majorca	25	77	c
Alex'dria	33	91	s	Malaga	20	68	c
Algiers	30	86	f	Malta	27	81	s
Amst'dm	15	59	f	Malt'rne	13	55	c
Athens	27	81	c	Monico C*	22	72	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Miami*	29	79	s
Barbados*	31	88	s	Milan	23	73	c
Barcelna	20	68	f	Montreal*	15	59	c
Belgrade	24	75	s	Moscow	20	68	c
Berlin	17	63	r	Munich	18	64	s
Bermuda*	29	84	s	Naples	27	81	s
Biarritz	21	70	f	N Delhi	39	102	s
Bordx	20	68	f	N York*	23	73	f
Brussels	18	64	s	Nice	21	70	s
Budapst	25	77	f	Oslo	20	79	s
B Aires*	16	61	c	Paris	23	73	f
Cairo	36	97	s	Peking	30	86	s
Cape Tn	16	61	s	Perth	19	66	c
C'blanca	21	70	c	Prague	20	68	s
Chicago*	20	68	f	Reykjvik	10	50	c
Ch'church	10	50	s	Rhodes	31	88	c
Corfu	28	82	f	Rome	23	73	s
Dublin	14	57	s	Salzburg	22	72	s
Dubrovnik	23	73	s	S F'risco*	17	63	s
Faro	19	66	f	Santiago*	17	63	s
Florence	26	79	f	S Paulo*	27	81	f
Frankfurt	21	70	s	Seoul	25	77	s
Funchal	20	68	c	Sing'por	33	91	s
Geneva	20	68	s	St'kholm	24	75	s
Gibraltar	17	63	r	Strasb'rg	20	68	s
Helsinki	24	75	s	Sydney	17	63	f
Hong K	31	88	s	Tangier	19	66	c
Innsbruck	23	73	f	Tel aviv	29	84	s
Istanbul	27	81	s	Tenerife	23	73	c
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tokyo	24	75	c
Jo'burg*	8	46	s	Toronto*	14	57	c
Karachi	39	102	s	Tunis	23	73	s
L Palmas	22	72	c	Valencia	21	70	c
Le Touet	18	64	f	Vanc'ver*	16	61	f
Lisbon	19	66	f	Venice	22	72	s
Locarno	22	72	f	Vienna	23	73	s
L Angels*	18	64	s	Warsaw	18	64	f

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest

THE POUND

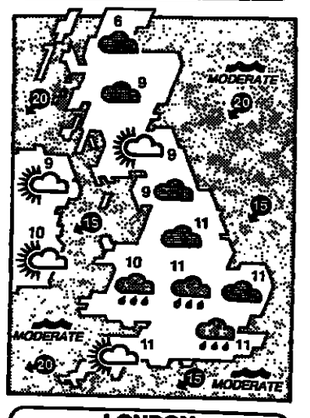
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.22
Austria Sch	22.85	21.65
Belgium Fr	67.95	64.55
Canada $	2.305	2.185
Denmark Kr	12.28	11.68
Finland Mrk	7.70	7.30
France Fr	10.92	10.37
Germany Dm	3.235	3.075
Greece Dr	256	241
Hong Kong $	14.65	13.90
Ireland Pt	1.21	1.15
Italy Lira	2395	2285
Japan Yen	237.50	225.50
Netherlands Gld	3.62	3.45
Norway Kr	11.79	11.19
Portugal Esc	263.50	250.50
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	213	202
Sweden Kr	11.28	10.73
Switzerland Fr	2.70	2.57
USA $	1.53	1.50
Yugoslavia Dar	3800	3000

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

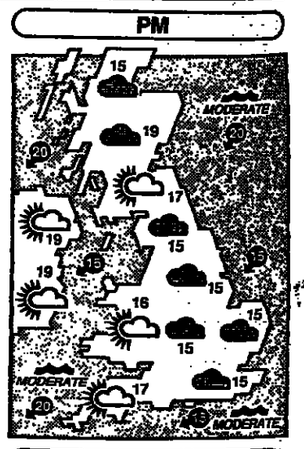
Retail Price Index: 105.8 (April)

London: The *FT* Index closed up 8.5 at 1403.7.

AM



PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am,12C (54F) Humidity: 6 pm, 90 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.39 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.0 hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1016.8 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.47 pm to 4.14 am
Bristol 9.56 pm to 4.24 am
Edinburgh 10.27 pm to 3.57 am
Manchester 10.07 pm to 4.10 am
Penzance 10.01 pm to 4.42 am

POLLEN COUNT

The pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10 am yesterday was 2 (very low). Forecast for today, similar. For today's recording call British Telecom's Weatherline: 01-246 8091, which is updated each day at 10.30 am.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 10am, 12.00, 3.30pm and 5pm.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Glasgow, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, (11C (52F); highest rainfall: Bridlington, North Humberside, 1.25 in; highest sunshine: Lerwick, Shetland, 15.0 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12 (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am,11C (52F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.004 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.2 hr.

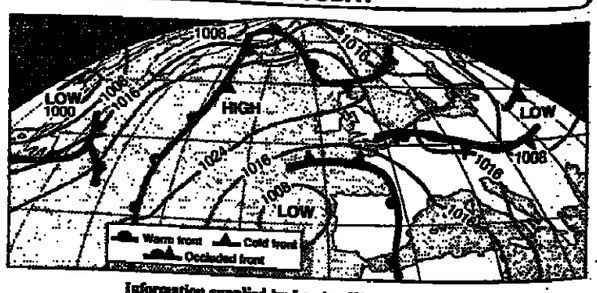
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	17	63	f	Guernsey	16	61	s
B'mingham	11	52	r	Inverness	11	52	s
Blackpool	13	55	c	Jersey	19	66	s
Bristol	12	54	c	London	13	55	s
Cardiff	13	55	c	M'chester	12	54	s
Edinburgh	13	55	f	Newcastle	12	54	s
Glasgow	17	63	s	R'aldsway	15	59	f

Sun rises: 4.44 am
Sun sets: 9.17 pm
Moon rises 2.12 am
Moon sets 5.11 pm
New Moon June 14

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	
FT 30 Share	1463.7 (+8.5)
FT-SE 100	1841.5 (+13.3)
USM (Datastream)	157.33 (–0.05)

THE POUND	
US dollar	1.8125 (–0.0030)
W German mark	3.1220 (+0.0030)
Trade-weighted	76.7 (same)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Go-ahead for £420m gas plan

A £420 million offshore gas project has been given the go-ahead by the Department of Energy, with the likelihood of creating more than 800 new jobs.

A Shell-Esso partnership has been given the green signal to develop two new fields in the Sole Pit area of the southern North Sea, east of Great Yarmouth.

The joint company will install three new platforms on their Clipper and Barque field and eventually pipe ashore 90 billion cubic feet of gas to the British Gas terminal at Bacton on the Norfolk coast.

The field will start producing in 1990 and feed gas into the national grid for an estimated 20 years.

The project will cost a total of £420million

Kuwait pledge

The Government of Kuwait has given undertakings that it will not upset the status quo over its BP link during the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's investigation of its 22 per cent shareholding in BP.

Shearson first

Shearson Lehman Hutton has become Britain's first equity-only money broker following Stock Exchange approval and after detailed discussions with the Bank of England and the Securities Association.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2097.97 (–4.96)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	28072.02 (+159.37)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2640.83 (+31.85)
Amsterdam: Gen	254.4 (+5.4)
Sydney: AO	1590.2 (–1.6)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1429.8 (+31.1)
Brussels:	
General	4875.9 (+21.8)
Paris: CAC	344.3 (+3.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen	n/a
London:	
FT–A All-Share	951.87 (+6.89)
FT–"500"	1037.80 (+6.87)
FT. Gold Mines	228.5 (–4.0)
FT. Fixed interest	98.08 (–0.13)
FT. Govt Secs	89.80 (+0.02)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Helical Bar	335½p (+16p)
Grainger	482½p (+20p)
Amstrad	210p (+11p)
Lamont	307½p (+19p)
Unigate	345p (+33p)
Glynwed	451½p (+12p)
VSEL	477½p (+25p)
Cater Allen	390p (+17p)
General Accident	919p (+27p)
GRE	897½p (+23p)
Elsco	180½p (+29p)
Pearl	515p (+20p)
Unitech	232½p (+14p)
Sun Alliance	936p (+20p)
J Rothchild	192½p (+15p)
Rowntree	1062½p (+25p)
Unilever	475p (+12p)
FALLS:	
Independent	415p (–25p)
Parrish	185p (–10p)
Elys (Wimbledon)	675p (–18p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	27359

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month interbank 8⅛-8⅜%
3-month eligible bills:8⅛-8⅜%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 7¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.41-6.40%*
30-year bonds 101 22/32-101 1/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8125	£: $1.8135*
£: DM3.1220	$: DM1.7223*
£: SwFr2.6046	$: SwFr1.4385*
£: FFr10.5343	$: FFr5.8145*
£: Yen226.93	$: Yen125.27*
£: Index:76.7	$: Index:93.5
ECU £0.665360	SDR £0.752527

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $455.00 pm-$455.45
close $454.75-455.25 (£251.00-251.50)
New York:
Comex $455.50-456.00*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (July) pm $16.40bbl ($16.45)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Takeover favourite Foseco Minsep (02617) leapt 14p to 263p and speculative demand sent Lamont Holdings (02622) up 19p to 308p; merchant banks featured J Rothschild (02543) – up 15p on results and demerger proposals; Pilkington (01286) rose 10p ahead of results.

● Recent additions include: Everest Food 02974; Herring Son & Daw Holdings 02977; Rechem Environmental Service 02983.

Interest-free loans made to Clowes firms

By Lawrence Lever

Two Barlow Clowes companies have made interest-free loans of more than £2.4 million to private jewellery companies of which Mr Peter Clowes, the head of the Barlow Clowes fund management empire, is a director.

Moreover, documents obtained by *The Times* have revealed that one of the two jewellery companies concerned was being propped up financially by a Barlow Clowes business.

The auditors' report for JT Cottrill & Sons for the year to January 31, 1985, stated: "The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis and we have received assurances from Barlow Clowes & Associates that financial support will not be withdrawn for the foreseeable future."

The accounts show an interest-free loan for £1.4 million. It also appears in the following year's accounts, although this time as coming from Barlow Clowes Nominees.

Another company called International Loose Stones, which trades in "loose precious stones", benefited from an interest-free loan of £1 million from Barlow Clowes Nominees.

There is no indication whether the loans came out of the business or client funds

Meanwhile, there are unconfirmed reports that money from Barlow Clowes International in Gibraltar has been frozen in Jersey by one of the main British clearing banks.

Inquiries are expected to be made by the Barlow Clowes liquidators into bank accounts linked with Mr Clowes. These include a Channel Islands account in the name of International Securities AG, and two bank accounts in the Isle of Man.

Meanwhile, Mrs Pamela Clowes, at her newly-built detached home in the exclusive village of Prestbury, Cheshire – where a red Mercedes and white VW Golf were parked in the drive – was instantly defensive of her husband.

She said: "He is in London trying to sort his affairs out. I am not prepared to say where. I have no real statement to make. If I told you the truth it is so *un*scandalous I don't think you would want to print it. The truth is very normal and very ordinary and I feel we have had a very unfair press.

"I don't think you would want to put it right. What you have said is not accurate, you are just printing suppositions. Who can prove that any money is misplaced? As far as I am concerned the money is there.

"The story only suggests that the Fraud Squad is interested. Surely, if they were, he would have been arrested by now. He is not hiding from anyone.

"Surely if my husband had anything to be guilty about, he would have run away by now. He has not run away. He is working 20 hours a day to try to clear this up."

Mrs Clowes added: "We have chartered yachts in the past for holidays, yes.

"My husband works very, very long hours. In recharging his batteries we do have nice holidays with our family – not paid for with clients' money. Those holidays are paid for with highly-taxed earnings."

Yesterday the private Lear jet – registered as "G-CJET" – used by Mr Clowes until it was sold last December, was standing at Heathrow airport. Mr Clowes is now said to use another Lear jet, registered as "G-PJET". One of his overseas residences – a flat in an apartment block in Marbella – was also discovered by *The Times*.



The apartment block in Marbella where the Clowes have a holiday home, and the jet formerly used by Mr Clowes.



Pointing the way: Sir Norman Payne, the chairman of BAA, yesterday (Photograph: James Morgan)

BAA touches down with £166m

By Colin Campbell

BAA, the former British Airports Authority which went public last July and is benefiting from higher traffic and cargo flows at Heathrow, Gatwick and other British airports under its operation, earned pretax profits of £166 million in its first year as a quoted company.

The comparison is with £124 million and Sir Norman Payne, the chairman, says the year to end March was one of significant financial success.

He gave warning, however, that after the abnormally high growth rate last financial year, the indications are that in the current financial year business is returning to a more normal level of growth.

BAA is paying a final dividend of 4.25p a share, making 7.25p (compared with a notional 6.6p) for the year.

Sir Norman said BAA, though continuing to concentrate on its core activities, would be expanding its operations by moving into new areas – particularly property, hotels, commercial activities and related operations.

He outlined a £300 million terminal complex at Stansted, the continuing work on the refurbishment of Terminal 3 at Heathrow, costing £110 million, and a £46 million expansion at Glasgow airport.

"Our principal target remains long-term growth in earnings a share," he said.

As part of its diversification moves, and in its first acquisition since privatization, BAA has received irrevocable undertakings or acquired shares in respect of 50.9 per cent of Lynton Property & Reversionary.

Lynton announced year-end results to March 31 showing a net asset value of 440p a share compared with 311p a share a year earlier, and pretax profits of £5.89 million (£5.25 million). The increased final dividend of 5p makes 6.85p (5.5p) for the year.

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Lawson to back debt relief pact

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, said yesterday that Britain would be pushing strongly for agreement on debt relief for sub-Saharan Africa at the Toronto economic summit later this month.

Mr Lawson, in a statement, said that a consensus was now emerging on the issue and that agreement on a debt initiative was close.

The Chancellor said that Britain had already written off nearly £1 billion of aid loans, £300 million of them to sub-Saharan Africa.

The other elements of his plan are longer repayment periods on debt and concessional interest rates.

President Mitterrand of France launched a proposal on Wednesday which offered the poorest nations the choice of an immediate cancellation of a third of official debt, longer repayment periods and concessional interest rates.

"A major UK objective at the Toronto summit will be to secure agreement on the initiative I launched in Washington in the spring of last year, to relieve the debt burden on the poorest, most heaviliy indebted countries, mainly in sub-Saharan Africa," Mr Lawson said.

"The recent statements by US Treasury Secretary James Baker, and by President Mitterrand, make it clear that a consensus is now emerging."

The Prime Minister also welcomed President Mitterrand's proposal yesterday, but said in the House of Commons that agreement on debt relief should have been achieved last year.

Mr Baker removed a major obstacle to international agreement on the Chancellor's plan last week, when he said the the United States no longer objected to concessional interest rates on the official debt of the very poorest countries.

BT rings up £2.2bn after difficult year

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

British Telecom satisfied the City with a 10.9 per cent rise in pretax profit to £2.29 billion on £10.2 billion turnover in the 12 months to end-March, which Mr Iain Vallance, the chairman, described as "not an easy year".

He admitted that BT had been constantly in the spotlight, especially over service problems, but he said management had achieved targets on improving service quality, and gained confidence by weathering the storm.

To improve the level of telephone service and hasten investment, BT increased its staff by 1,500 after several years of cuts, which pushed staff costs up 10.4 per cent.

Capital spending grew 11 per cent to a record £2.4 billion and is expected to increase a further 10 per cent this year. More than £800 million was spent on transmission and £525 million on digital telephone exchanges.

BT is hoping to agree a new price control formula with Oftel, the telephone users' watchdog organization, by the end of the month but Mr Vallance said it was ready for a Monopolies Commission investigation if necessary.

Cellnet, BT's joint cellular telephone venture with Securicor, came into profit during the year but cable interests are still making a loss and payphones increased their loss to more than £40 million.

The volume of calls on the main telephone network grew by 8 per cent domestically and 14 per cent on international calls.

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Beecham rises 15% to £406m

By Carol Ferguson

Pretax profits at Beecham, the pharmaceuticals and healthcare group, rose 15 per cent last year to £406 million, despite the adverse effect of the strong pound.

Earnings per share rose 16.3 per cent to 31.7p, and the dividend was increased by 10 per cent to 14.3p net. The shares fell 6p to 478p.

Mr Bob Bauman, the chairman, said that last year's sales and profits of prescription medicines were strong, driven by higher sales of the antibiotics Augmentin (up 62 per cent) and Timentin (up 55 per cent). Sales of Amoxyl, one of Beecham's established antibiotics, rose 3 per cent, despite growing generic competition.

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Investors 'shattered' by affair

By Cliff Feltham

A retired couple invested £6,000 in the Barlow Clowes gilts management group three days before its London operations were closed. They made the investment after seeing an advertisement in their local branch of the Alliance and Leicester Building Society.

Last night Mrs Margaret Ibbertson of Barry in South Wales said: "It looks as if we have seen the last of our money. We used my husband Ivor's £4,000 redundancy money and £2,000 from our savings."

She sent her cheque on May 24 – three days before the Securities and Investments Board closed the London operations. The Gibraltar arm was closed on Tuesday. She is still waiting to find out whether her cheque has been cashed. "The whole affair has shattered us."

Yacht sails away from liquidators

From Dominique Searle, Gibraltar

An attempt to impound the luxury yacht *Boukephalas* used by Mr Peter Clowes, and bought from the Onassis family, failed yesterday after the vessel left the Spanish port of Puerto Banus before the action could be enforced.

She was believed to be heading for Cannes, in the south of France, with only the crew on board.

Mr Kenneth Robinson, one of the liquidators appointed in Gibraltar for Barlow Clowes International confirmed that the *Boukephalas* had gone, and added that there might be a second yacht about which his staff is seeking information. He said he was preparing to send out 11,000 letters to investors.

This Monday, the joint liquidator Mr Nigel Hamilton, also of Ernst & Whinney, will be in Britain to meet intermediaries. Barlow Clowes staff were yesterday preparing statements which should be sent out to clients next Wednesday. Letters being sent out today will announce that the company has been put into liquidation.

Mr Robinson told *The Times* that he believed there could be another yacht about which his staff needs information, and his solicitors were yesterday searching the company and land registry for possible property held in Gibraltar and Spain.

The liquidators are keen to talk to Mr Peter Clowes, and Mr Robinson said he will probably be seeking a "Section 168" statement from Mr Clowes which would entail a full statement on the assets and liabilities of the company.

An account in Barclays Bank, Gibraltar, said to hold several million pounds, has been frozen. The liquidators also have several stock certificates in their control.

Investors react to Nestlé rumour

By Cliff Feltham

There was deadlock in the chocolate wars last night after Swiss food group Nestlé denied reports that it had bought rival Jacobs Suchard's major shareholding in Rowntree.

The rumours prompted speculation that Suchard would use its huge profits from the share sale to launch a bid for Cadbury Schweppes.

Investors, keen for an outcome to the £2 billion-plus takeover battle for Rowntree, jumped to conclusions after Suchard failed to publish its offer document. Dealers suggested the delay was caused by talks between Nestlé and Suchard, which controls 29.9 per cent of Rowntree.

Nestlé denied that it had acquired the holding to add to its own 16 per cent stake, but by then Rowntree shares had already raced ahead to 1075p, a rise of 31p. This was fuelled by prospects that Nestlé would raise its existing terms of 900p to £11.50p. But following the denial Rowntree settled at 1066p, still 23p up on the day.

Suchard, whose offer is now expected next week, is bidding 950p for Rowntree.

But dealers who still believe Suchard will end the day taking a potential £150 million by selling out to Nestlé sent shares in Cadbury Schweppes soaring to 422p, before closing 7p higher at 413p.

Rates may have to go up, says OECD

From Rodney Lord
Economics Editor, Paris

US interest rates may need to rise further in the near future because of a growing risk of inflation, says the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in its half-yearly *Economic Outlook*. They may also need to rise again in the UK.

The balance of risks has switched from fear of recession to fear of inflation, the OECD reported. Prospects for world economic growth are substantially better than expected six months ago, but in a message directed at the US, Canada and Britain, the OECD says inflationary pressures have begun to rise again.

The Paris-based forecasters predict a slowdown in Britain's rate of growth from last year's rapid progress, and a renewal of the upward trend in unemployment. They also expect a sharp with next year's deficit rising to around £8 billion.

Exports are expected to slow in response to an effective exchange rate 5 per cent higher, with manufacturers beginning to lose market share. The growth of imports will also slow as the pace of consumer spending moderates, following lower pay increases and a revival in savings.

This year the economy is forecast to grow by 3½ per cent, half a per cent more than the Chancellor's forecast in the Budget. But next year it will slow to 2¼ per cent, causing unemployment to start edging up again from 7½ per cent to 7¾ per cent. Productivity is likely to slow down and unit costs to rise.

The OECD welcomes the narrowing of imbalances between the major countries and expects the improvement in volume terms to become progressively more apparent in the US balance of payments. But it is anxious that further action to reduce the US budget deficit should not drop off the agenda in the run-up to the presidential election and stresses the need to maintain the improvement in 1989.

Further sharp downward pressure on the dollar would be counterproductive, intensifying inflationary pressures in the US, slowing growth in countries relying on exports to the US, exacerbating the debt problem and putting new strains on financial markets.

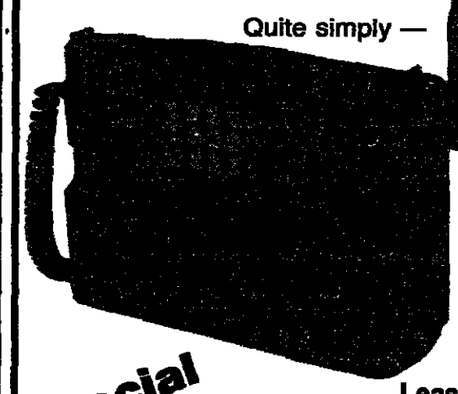
Areas which warrant attention in Europe are freer competition, continuing tax reform and lower government subsidies to agriculture and industry.

In the OECD area as a whole, growth this year is expected to be little changed at about 3 per cent and to fall to 2½ per cent next year. Unemployment will fall this year from 7.9 per cent to 7.5 per cent but no further fall is expected next year. Inflation will rise this year from 3.2 per cent to 3.5 per cent and to 3.75 per cent next year.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

SE debut puts £22m value on Dauphin

Dauphin, the manufacturer of office chairs and specialist engineer, is obtaining a full listing on the stock market via a placing that values it at £22.6 million. A total of 5.5 million shares, or 25.6 per cent of the equity, is being placed at 105p each by Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker.

Dauphin's profits before tax in the year to end-December totalled £2.9 million against £1.5 million the previous year. It believes the listing will help the company make acquisitions, enhance the status of the group with customers and end-users, and allow it to motivate and retain key employees. Sales and orders for the first four months of this year are substantially ahead of last year. Dauphin said it intended to expand market share and introduce new products in the office seating sector and widen the product and customer base of its engineering activities.

Carr's Milling moves ahead

Carr's Milling Industries, the flour miller and animal feedstaff manufacturer, made pretax profits of £990,000 in the six months to February 27. This compares with £904,000 in the previous first half. Sales were static at just under £41 million. The company is holding the interim dividend unchanged at 1.75p.

ITL reports earnings fall

Earnings are down at ITL Information Technology, the specialist mini-computer manufacturer. Pretax profits for the year to April 3 were £2.52 million, against £2.57 million last time, on a £31.1 million turnover (£32.1 million), and earnings per share were 5.66p (6.46p). The final dividend is 1.6p, making 2p for the year.

Full listing for Colroy

Colroy, a regional housebuilder in East Anglia, the East Midlands and the North-west, is obtaining a full market listing through a placing which values it at £13.2 million. The broker is Barclays de Zoete Wedd. A total 2.15 million shares, or 24.5 per cent of the equity, are being placed at 150p. The £2.8 million net proceeds of the placing will all go to the company and be used to reduce borrowings incurred to buy land.

Colroy is forecasting profits before tax in the year to end-July of not less than £2.35 million, including a £500,000 profit on land disposals. The prospective price-earnings ratio is 8.6. The company said it plans to expand, particularly in East Anglia, using traditional methods and materials. It also intends to expand its sheltered housing building.

Barclay sold to Prudential

The Prudential Corporation has bought Edward Barclay, an estate agent with offices in Byfleet and West Byfleet, Surrey. The acquisition, for an undisclosed consideration, brings the Prudential's national estate agency network to 750 outlets. Edward Barclay, which was set up in 1976, has a staff of six people.

TR Pacific's loan facility

TR Pacific Investment Trust has arranged a multi-currency loan facility with Lloyds Bank, which will enable the trust to borrow up to the equivalent of $8 million (£4.4 million) over five years. The new funds will be invested in accordance with the trust's commitment to the smaller Pacific Basin stock markets.

Acal's £18.4m float

Acal, which distributes electronic components and industrial controls in Britain, six other European countries and the US, is coming to the USM via a placing that capitalizes it at £18.4 million. The company is selling 10 per cent of its enlarged equity to raise £1.4 million net, to be used to reduce borrowings. Directors are selling a further 6 per cent of the equity.

Acal made pretax profits of £2.5 million in the year to end-March, compared with £1.5 million the previous year. The placing price of 135p puts the shares on an historic p/e ratio of 10.7. Acal holds agencies for a wide range of products, varying from high-volume items to key pieces of equipment. Some 55 per cent of its products are sourced in the US, 34 per cent in Europe and 11 per cent in the Far East.

TEMPUS

State holding hangs over solid BT

An unprecedented £7 billion of stock is overhanging the market in British Telecom. Until the Government sells its remaining half share, it is hard to see management achieving much for the share price.

Meanwhile, the strengthened top team is trying to agree a new regulatory formula with Oftel. On that front, at least, the market will probably lose its worries if an RPI minus 4 per cent formula is swiftly agreed.

The latest results are marginally below informed forecasts, but were solid in a year that always threatened to be difficult, with a crisis of public confidence over service and a price freeze that will continue until the end of the current financial year.

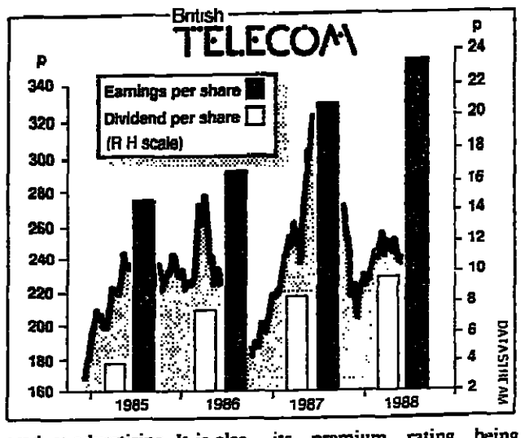
Growth rates are higher at the bottom of the profit and loss account than at the top. Turnover growth of 9.1 per cent translated into pretax profits up 10.9 per cent and earnings 12.6 per cent higher at 23.6p per share. That leaves the shares, up 2p with the market to 242p, at 10.25 times earnings, yielding 5.2 per cent on a 12.4 per cent higher dividend of 9.5p net.

Slower economic growth and competition from Mercury are expected to trim growth in turnover, especially on overseas calls, up 9.3 per cent, compared with 8.3 per cent income growth in the domestic network. But that need not hold back profits.

Last year, higher costs to upgrade quality probably cost 2 or 3 per cent on British network operating profits, which grew only 4 per cent to £2 billion. Although higher staff levels will remain this year, moderating costs should permit higher pretax growth here to compensate for lower operating profit growth on overseas calls, up 28 per cent to £613 million last time.

Moreover, British Telecom Enterprises, which includes BT's 60 per cent of Cellnet, more than doubled profits to £36 million and should perform increasingly strongly.

At this stage, another 11 per cent profit rise to £2.55 billion — an unchanged forecast from Mr Patrick Wellington of County NatWest WoodMac — looks a good starting point for 1988-89. On that basis, the shares would look cheap at little more than nine times earnings. But they are likely to stay that way for the moment.



Beecham

Beecham is out to beat the competition. After three flat years, its earnings have grown at more than 15 per cent a year for the the last two years — but its competitors have been growing faster. This year, Beecham's earnings should grow at 18 per cent, allowing it to catch up at last.

However, sorting out the underlying progress of Beecham's business is a less easy task this year. On the face of it, the 15.4 per cent advance in pretax profits to £406 million looks very creditable. It looks even better when adjusted for the translation effects of a strong pound — up 18 per cent on continuing businesses.

However, the figures are flattered by the £41 million turnround in the interest charge to receipts of £3 million last year. At the trading level, therefore, the picture looks more pedestrian.

Part of the reason is undoubtedly to do with much increased spending on pharmaceuticals research and development, marketing and product advertising. It is also clear that while the promotional spending has helped sales, the benefit is not flowing through to commensurately higher profits.

However, Augmentin and Timentin, the antibiotics, are still growing strongly, while Amoxyl sales and margins are holding up well, despite intense competition from generics. Eminase, Beecham's promising new heart drug, is not expected to contribute significantly to profits before the early 1990s.

For this year, Mr Ian Moore, pharmaceuticals analyst at Morgan Grenfell, forecasts pretax profits will rise to £480 million, the result of improving margins, and development of a more creative business sense. The prospective multiple is 12.5, a 25 per cent premium to the market.

But with Britain having one of the world's fastest growing economies, and sterling strong, this is no time to be in defensive shares with significant exposure to the dollar. Beecham could, therefore, see its premium rating being eroded over coming months.

Boots

Boots still has lots more walking to do before it satisfies an increasingly impatient City. The company claims it has done a lot already, although there is nothing in last year's figures to prove it.

Earnings growth, flattered by changes in accounting periods, property profits and a full year from Flint, the US acquisition, rose a miserable 4.6 per cent. And it is unclear whether this year's growth rate will be any more impressive.

Worthwhile information about underlying trading is at a premium, so the extent of retail losses in Canada and the start-up costs of Children's World can only be estimated. At a guess, they probably exceed £10 million.

Meanwhile, it is taking time for the anticipated benefits from store refurbishment, electronic point-of-sales systems and a more focused product line to come through. Indeed, Boots' attachment to a still quite disparate range of products is disappointing.

Yet, with 1,000 shops in the high streets, inestimable goodwill and leading positions in a variety of markets, the potential for Boots retail operation is clearly considerable.

The management may point to the size of the business and the relative maturity of the markets in which it operates, but the leading food retailers show what an imaginative approach can bring even to supposedly ex-growth market.

As for the industrial division, competition is rearing its ugly head. So the Flint acquisition has brought a timely source of extra earnings.

Low-cost production of Ibuprofen, the anti-arthritis drug, remains a priority, while it is still hoped that Manoplax, the heart drug, will be registered next year. Opinions vary, however, as to the true potential of this drug.

All in all, the market remains uncertain about Boots and this neutrality will remain until earnings growth picks up. On forecasts of £275 million — including property profits — the rating is just below the market average. Leaving aside the real possibility of a takeover, this rating is too high.

BAA

BAA, the privatized British Airports Authority, is in danger of being viewed as a property concern.

Danger — because property and related activities are still in their infancy stages in BAA's life; danger — because investment fashions change, and "property" shares which race ahead for the wrong reasons can as easily crash back down again.

The case for BAA does, however, remain solid even though after last year's sharp profits improvement rate some deceleration must be expected this year.

BAA's outcome for the year ended March 31 showing pretax profits up from £124 million to £166 million, in turn reflecting the 15 per cent growth in traffic to 63.7 million passengers, just topped the City's expectations. And the forecasts that traffic volumes are set to continue rising was what the City expected to hear.

Adding particular investment colour to results were the expansion plans which will take BAA into property, hotels, the air transport industry and international operations — but all in time.

The property road is already being trodden with the bid for Lynton Property & Reversionary, the formal offer documents for which are due shortly. Meanwhile, construction starts this autumn on a two-star hotel at Stansted and a four-star hotel for Gatwick.

Soft toy shops — Teddy's — are planned, and after a first-time venture into a hospital shopping mall for the Cambridge Health Authority, other health authority contracts are likely.

Meanwhile, the thrust of developing core activities goes on, including refurbishment work costing £110 million at Heathrow's Terminal 3 and a £46 million development at Glasgow.

Profits growth to at least £175 million this year give BAA a prospective rating of 12.7. On fundamentals, that is fair value at present.

Luncheon Vouchers to handle store gift tokens

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

Luncheon Vouchers, the company that provides meal vouchers to about 500,000 people a year, is to offer its handling services to retailers.

The service will help stores to expand their in-house gift vouchers' service market, estimated to be worth £170 million.

Last year 29 million store gift vouchers were sold to customers. Boots, Marks and Spencer, WH Smith and Woolworth account for 86 per cent of the market and 82 per cent of market value, according to a survey commissioned by the company.

Luncheon Vouchers was sold in 1985 by a consortium made up of Trusthouse Forte, Grand Metropolitan, Allied-Lyons and Associated British Foods to Accor, the French hotel and catering group.

It has been trying to revitalize its market with a new marketing campaign, design and logo and now has 12,000 businesses giving £60 million of vouchers to employees each year.

With more than a third of British adults purchasing or receiving gift vouchers a year with an average value of £5.90, the market could grow to £340 million annually, the survey says.



Dr Ryan: profits milestone

GPG to sell stake in plane group

By Colin Narbrough

GPG, the financial services company about to be sold off by Equiticorp, the troubled New Zealand investment group, will next week start to dispose of its 14 per cent stake in GPA Group, the world's leading aircraft leasing company based near Shannon airport in Ireland.

The fully-diluted stake is expected to raise at least $192 million (£105.9 million).

Dr Tony Ryan, the GPA chairman, announcing GPA post-tax profits exceeding $100 million for the first time, told a London briefing that the likely buyers of the stake would be new GPA shareholders, not existing ones.

GPG, the former Guinness Peat Group, was one of the initial shareholders, along with Aer Lingus and Dr Ryan.

GPA reported a net profit of $101 million in the year ended March 31, up 49 per cent on the previous year and more than four times the profit earned in 1986.

Electrocomponents up 15% to £46m after leap in sales

By Alison Eadie

Electrocomponents, the electronic and electrical distribution group, made pretax profits of £46.7 million in the year to end-March, a rise of 15.3 per cent, on sales 27.9 per cent ahead at £310.9 million.

The total dividend was raised by 18.1 per cent to 4.37p.

The core distribution to industry business increased operating profits by 11 per cent to £39.1 million, after a broadening of the product range and a change in pricing structure. The company hopes the introduction of discounts for volume will boost sales.

Franchised component distribution saw a fall in operating profits to £1.2 million from £1.9 million, mainly because of low demand in West Germany. Demand has picked up and a more satisfactory return is expected this year.

The distribution to retail division made operating profits of £4.5 million (£1.9 million), with contributions from the new acquisitions, Nuthall Lighting and TJ Lighting.

Misco, the computer supplies company bought for £11 million last November, made no contribution after interest costs, but a healthy contribution is expected this year.

After expenditure of £20 million on acquisitions last year, gearing was only 7.6 per cent. Electrocomponents is still looking for add-on acquisitions.

Porter to merge with LDH

By Michael Tate

Porter Chadburn, the expanding consumer products and distribution group headed by Mr Ray Dinkin, has launched an agreed £9.9 million bid for LDH, the Leeds upholstery and furnishing fabric group.

The three-for-two share deal values each LDH share at 123p. It is effectively a merger, says Mr Dinkin, who gains a fast-growing furnishings distribution business, a strong management team led by Mr Michael Ross, and two powerful non-executive directors in Mr Henry Lewis — formerly of Marks and Spencer and currently deputy chairman of S&W Berisford — and Mr Victor Blank, of Charterhouse.

The terms have been irrevocably accepted by holders of 45.93 per cent of the LDH equity, and another 4.95 per cent has effectively been committed.

At the same time, Porter has tied up the £1.38 million acquisition of Snow Hill Upholsterers Supply, a similar business to LDH which operates from Birmingham.

Full acceptance of the two deals will enlarge Porter's equity by 31.2 per cent, diluting GM Firth's stake from 28 per cent to around 18 per cent, says Mr Dinkin.

Porter is estimating that its profits for the year to end-April will emerge at not less than £1.7 million, while LDH expects to report not less than £1.2 million for the year to end-May.

Profits double at rising Phoenix

By Alexandra Jackson

A sharper approach to marketing, combined with a strong building market, enabled Phoenix Timber to more than double pretax profits in the year to end-March from £641,000 to £1.5 million.

Sales grew from £35.3 million to £48.5 million and were boosted by £10 million from three acquisitions made during the year.

Earnings per share rose from 8.7p to 10.1p. A final dividend of 1.5p makes a total of 2.5p for the year — up from 1.5p in 1986-87.

Mr Peter Quinn, chairman, said the property care business had returned to profit, helped by the acquisition of Protim. "We are actively pursuing a growth strategy in this sector," he said.

Although Mr Quinn acknowledged that Phoenix Timber was recovering well, he pointed out there was further scope for improvement.

Gloves off in the battle for Gucci

From Roger Boyes, Florence

Gucci, the Italian leather dynasty, was yesterday in a state of belligerent confusion following a fierce board meeting.

The argument was over who should effectively run the company's affairs after the purchase of almost 50 per cent of Gucci Italy shares by Investcorp, the investment group based in Bahrain.

Technically, control is still with Maurizio Gucci who has 50 per cent of the company. But his stake is frozen pending a legal suit. An arrest warrant was issued against him last year, claiming that he illegally exported large amounts of capital.

While he is in Switzerland — which has no extradition agreements with Italy — a business professor, Signora Maria Martellini, and three other custodians are watching over his stake.

Last night these four sat across the table from four nominees from Morgan Stanley, the United States bank, which bought up 47.8 per cent of Gucci Italy on behalf of Investcorp.

The shares were bought mainly from Maurizio's cousins, Paolo, Giorgio and Roberto, who it seems want to force him out of the chairmanship. Investcorp nominated four directors, and Maurizio's side did not lodge any great objections.

But a row erupted when it came to finding a ninth director who would have a casting vote. The Investcorp advisers wanted Cosimo Gucci, son of Roberto, one of the cousins, who retains 2.2 per cent.

In the view of Maurizio's side that would have tipped the balance in favour of the Gulf company. The arguments went to and fro, and the final vote was split down the middle.

New negotiations will have to take place. Maurizio will be demanding guarantees from the Arab investors as well as details, programmes, and investment strategies.

Investcorp is doing everything it can to reassure Maurizio's representatives that there will not be an upheaval in the profitable manufacturer of shoes, handbags and leather accessories.

Mr Paul Dimitriuk, the Investcorp executive, who has steered the company towards the Gucci acquisition, stressed this week that he regarded the step as a "long-term investment".

"We are certain that our relationship with the other stockholders and the current management of the corporation be long-lasting and stable," he stressed.

"We are making provision to develop further understanding to guarantee the management and control of the company in the future."

However, Maurizio's advisers are not particularly reassured by these words; they believe the new foreign shareholder in Gucci will be manipulated in some way by the feuding cousins.

As one banker close to Maurizio Gucci put it yesterday: "This purchase is simply an extension of the Gucci war by other means."

Certainly, there are no signs of the family healing its deep wounds; as far as the Guccis are concerned, it remains a question of hell for leather.

BAA plc A successful first year

CURRENT COST INFORMATION			HISTORICAL COST INFORMATION	
Year to 31 March 1988	Year to 31 March 1987		Year to 31 March 1988	Year to 31 March 1987
£m	£m		£m	£m
523	439	Revenue	523	439
136	90	Profit before taxation	166	124
75	46	Profit after taxation	105	80
1,346	1,138*	Shareholders' funds	898	694*
7.25	—	Dividends (net) per share (p)	7.25	—
15.0	9.2*	Earnings per share (p)	21.0	16.0*
63.7	55.3	Passengers (millions)	63.7	55.3

*Notional

This statement contains information from the consolidated accounts of BAA plc for the year ended 31 March 1988. An unqualified Auditors' Report has been given in respect of these accounts and they will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

◀ In the year to 31st March 1988 – BAA's first year in the private sector – traffic increased by 15% to a total of 63.7 million passengers at the seven BAA airports.

◀ Pre-tax profits reflect the growth in traffic, with CCA profit up by 51% to £136 million and HCA profit up by 34% to £166 million.

◀ Capital expenditure rose by 19% to £182 million. Major projects include the completion of the first phase of Gatwick's North Terminal which opened in March; the refurbishment of Terminal 3 at Heathrow and the development of Stansted's new terminal complex.

◀ The substantial increase in shareholders' funds during the year reflects the revaluation of certain properties upon their reclassification as investment properties.

◀ In the future the strength of the core airport business will remain the major factor in promoting growth. Plans for expansion are based both on the existing business and on new opportunities being sought in property, hotels, the air transport industry and international operations. The recent offer for Lynton Property & Reversionary PLC supports BAA's policy to expand its property activities including the development of its own land.

◀ The Board recommends the payment of a final dividend of 4.25p (net) per share, making a total for the year of 7.25p (net).

◀ As foreseen, following last year's abnormally high growth rate the indications are that in 1988/9 business is returning to a more normal level of growth.

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BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.50%
Adam & Company	8.50%
BCCI	8.50%
Consolidated Crds	8.50%
Co-operative Bank	8.50%
C. Hoare & Co	8.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.50%
Lloyds Bank	8.50%
Nat Westminster	8.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.50%
TSB	8.50%
Citibank NA	8.50%

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

ASB Barnett	83 +3
ASW	180½ +1½
Acre Oil	222
Anglesey Mines	280
Arthur Shaw	114
Barbican	1¾
Carbo	146
Conroy Pet	66 +1
Dana Exploration	35
Domestic Gen	176
Dudley Jenkins (85p)	101
Everest Foods (165p)	180
Guinness Mahon	100 -2
HPC Group	110 +2
Herring Sun (150p)	153
Isopad Intl	124
Morris Ashby (90p)	95 +2
P&P (175p)	198
Pennant	25
Porvair (78p)	93 +2
Prowting L/A	177
Recham Env (195p)	235 +1
Sanderson Elec	133
Scott Pickford	25½ +½
Scot Ice Rink	94 +1
Southnews	178
TGI (130p)	136 -1
Thornton (125p)	130
Wardell Rob	53
Waterman Part (140p)	138 +1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bk of Wales N/P	17
CLF Hldgs N/P	7 -1
Ewart N/P	15
Kelt Energy N/P	55 -1
Monarch Res N/P	60 +1
Telemetrix N/P	27½ +1½
Westpac Bk N/P	89 +1

(Issue price in brackets).

J&FB ahead at £3.85m

Johnson & Firth Brown, the high-quality metals group which recently sold its holding in Sheffield Forgemasters — which stood in its books at £1 — for £5.1 million, reports pretax profits of £3.85 million for the six months to end-March, compared with £2.68 million previously.

The interim dividend rises from 0.5p to 0.6p a share, and the board says it is confident about prospects for the rest of the year. The shares were marginally higher at 413p.

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Retailers cautious on sales after rise in interest rates

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Retailers are becoming more cautious about continued sales growth, particularly now that interest rates are rising. Sales volumes were up in May after an easing of growth during April, but a slight slowing in the growth trend is anticipated this month.

This was announced by Mr Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the Confederation of British Industry's distributive sales panel, who said the upward movement of interest rates and likely effect on mortgage interest payments contributed to the "moderate level of caution retailers have when they consider the outlook over the next six months."

He said: "For June, expectations point to a steadier rate of growth. Competitive pressures are still strong in the retail sector, and this is reflected in a slowdown in the rate of price increases which is expected to continue."

Steadying of growth in June is forecast in the distributive trades monthly survey, even though Budget changes on income tax are expected to show up in wage packets during the month. Looking further ahead, said Mr Whittaker, the underlying factors influencing consumer spending were likely to remain favourable, with real disposable income, helped by the tax changes, being forecast by the CBI to rise about 5.6 per cent this year.

But he added: "The uncertainty attached to interest rate movements and therefore future changes in mortgage rates, and thus the effect on discretionary income, provides one reason for caution in the retailing sector."

Questions over levels of investment in distribution also seem to be growing. Distributors overall expect to increase investment over the next 12 months, but are less positive than they were earlier this year, with wholesalers for the first time in a year expecting to invest less.

Retailers were slightly more positive than earlier this year about investment. But Mr Whittaker said he believed a greater sense of caution was growing, because of the large amount of additional retailing space coming on stream over the next two years in large new developments such as those planned around the M25 London motorway ring.

About 60 per cent of retailers in the survey thought sales this month would be higher than in June last year. Footwear and leather goods shops were the most optimistic, with 89 per cent expecting sales to be higher than a year ago. Shops selling confectionery, tobacco and newspapers (CTNs) also expected to do well, with 78 per cent predicting increases.

The wholesale picture is less rosy, with growth slowing in May and a further deceleration predicted this month.

CBI/FT Monthly Survey of Distributive Trades for end May 1988: by subscription, or single copies to CBI non-members, £17.50 from CBI, Centre Point, New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU.

Thorn to pull out of joint venture

By Colin Campbell

Thorn EMI is set to realize between £50 million and £70 million from the sale of its 51 per cent interest in Thorn Ericsson Telecom (Holdings), a supplier of telecom equipment.

The sale is being made to the group's Swedish partner, Ericsson, with whom Thorn EMI established the joint venture in 1973.

In a fresh twist to a French takeover battle yesterday, in which two British groups both firmly believe they have a chance, Thorn EMI re-entered the arena for the French lighting group Holophane and its subsidiary Europhane in a new £87 million bid. However, Holophane has lodged a formal complaint with the French authorities, arguing that the fresh bid is "misleading", and that Thorn EMI's conditions cannot be met.

Thorn EMI last month first offered Fr1,222 (£116) for each Holophane share and understood it had the backing of certain shareholders to make its bid a virtual certainty.

Emess, the lighting and electrical accessories group, then bid Fr1,500 a share, adding that it had irrevocable undertakings giving it a 57 per cent backing.

Now Thorn EMI is offering Fr1,725 for each Holophane share and Fr690 for each Europhane share, taking the view that Emess's claim of a 57 per cent acceptance level is not necessarily irrevocable. Emess disputes this claim.

Thorn EMI has reduced the acceptance level from two-thirds to "such number which when added to its current 1.4 per cent holding will give it over 50 per cent."

Cater Allen discloses 30% rise

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Cater Allen, the discount house, yesterday revealed that it had weathered a difficult year in the gilts market to produce considerably better year-end results than some of its competitors.

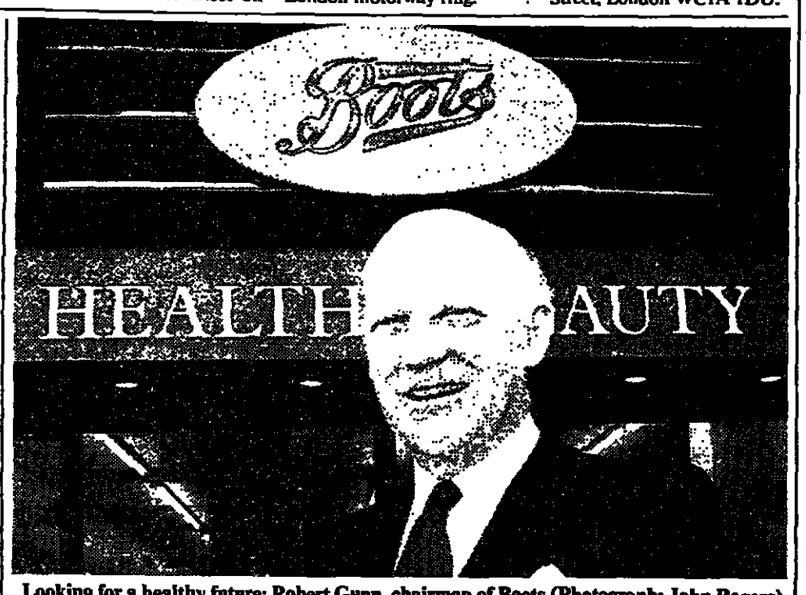
For the year to April 30, it announced a 30 per cent rise in disclosed profits after tax and transfers to reserves, from £5.5 million to £7.1 million, as income from non-discount house operations showed a sharp rise.

The increase was reflected in an 11 per cent increase in the dividend, to 22.5p, making a payout of £4.3 million.

Gilt-edged market-making was slightly in profit, although trading conditions remained highly competitive, Mr David White, the deputy chairman, said. But profits from discount house operations were healthy

For the first time, the company gave details of its diversified activities. Its Lloyd's insurance interests contributed £1.2 million, financial futures broking £500,000 and its offshore fund management business £700,000.

Mr James Barclay, the chairman, criticized the City's new regulatory structure, saying the system was costly and so detailed that it interfered with honest business.



Looking for a healthy future: Robert Gunn, chairman of Boots (Photograph: John Rogers)

Boots lifts profits to £267m

By Our City Staff

Boots, the retailing and pharmaceuticals group, increased pretax profits by 10 per cent to £267.2 million in the year to end-March.

However, the results included an extra three months' trading from overseas companies which have changed their year-end, and a virtually unchanged property profit of £21 million.

Allowing for these factors, the growth was a less satisfactory 6.5 per cent. The City was not impressed, and marked the shares down 6p to 216p.

Sales moved from £2.4 billion to £2.7 billion, while earnings per share advanced from 19.5p to 20.4p. Exchange-rate movements depressed pretax profits by £6.1 million for the 15-month period.

Mr Robert Gunn, the chairman, said: "The many important developments taking place within the company provide a basis for profitable growth."

On an annualized basis, the retail division increased profits modestly from £123.4 million to £126.7 million.

The industrial division advanced from £84.5 million to £101.8 million, but was helped by the inclusion of a full year from Flint, the US drugs company, acquired towards the last quarter of 1986-87. Profits from the US, unadjusted for the extra three months' trading, rose from £27.5 million to £52.7 million.

A decision to sell 60 outlets in Canada is being implemented.

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Brown at £13m as turnover passes £100m

N Brown, the mail order and financial and property services group, headed by Mr David Alliance, raised pretax profits 47 per cent in the year to March 5 — from £9.2 million to £13.5 million.

This followed a surge in turnover which saw £100 million being topped for the first time.

Earnings per share, after tax and the £243,000 extraordinary cost of shutting down its leasing business, jumped from 11.47p to 15.82p.

The dividend is being raised from 3.75p to 5p a share, with a final payment of 3.5p.

COMMENT David Brewerton

No comment from the men at the ministry

So far, "No Comment" is the best the Department of Trade and Industry has been able to muster on the subject of Barlow Clowes.

But then, what could they say? The DTI has once again failed miserably to protect the interests of investors, and as a result many people are likely to lose money. Investors in Barlow Clowes are not, remember, covered by compensation arrangements and they will have to share what assets are left at the end of the day.

It is not good enough to blame the investors themselves. They suffered from the not uncommon mixture of greed and ignorance, a potent combination of human qualities which has been exploited by generations of financial entrepreneurs.

Good sense might have told them that a gilt edged fund which offered a return above that of the redemption yield on gilt edged stocks had something funny about it, and that it would have to be atruly exceptional dealer who could earn the difference, and something for himself, from trading.

But such a discrepancy should have screamed a warning to the DTI, which is expected to look with cynicism at those promoting investment schemes.

If the DTI could not do the sums itself, it could have listened to those who, as long as four years ago, warned of a sloppy style of management at Barlow Clowes.

The DTI was concerned about the group, as it should have been since Barlow Clowes had been trading without a licence. It took many months for the licence to be granted, but in the end Barlow Clowes was allowed to continue.

Only last November did it begin to investigate, but again no action was taken until the buck was passed to the Securities and Investments Board. The SIB, to its credit, acted quickly, but the DTI delay has probably cost investors tens of millions.

No Comment.

Tiny's big strength

By most of the investment yardsticks used to value companies, Lonrho shares are a buy.

The prospective yield is 7 per cent and the prospective multiple a mere 9 times earnings, assuming full-year pretax profits of £210 million to £215 million. Assets per share, even by conservative estimates, are more than double the present share price of 239p.

Yesterday's interim profits of £80.4 million, up 5.7 per cent, and second interim dividend of 4p, effectively a 17 per cent increase on the larger capital, were, if anything, even a little better than expected, but the shares still lost 4p.

The shares have had a good run over the past month, outperforming the market by 10 per cent, as income stocks have topped up. Stronger gold and platinum prices and speculation about the future leadership of the company, as chief executive Roland "Tiny" Rowland marches on into his seventies, have also prompted flurries of buying.

Lonrho's shares are not valued by the investment yardsticks used for most other companies. They rise and fall in line with platinum prices, despite the company's efforts to persuade the world that it is not a mining company. More particularly, they fluctuate according to perceptions of Mr Rowland.

Talk that Mr Rowland may be considering selling his 15 per cent stake has prompted the group to be seen as an asset play. The potential break-up numbers certainly look encouraging.

Westland's buried treasure

Few companies can boast that they came close to bringing down a Government. After the furore of 1986, when Downing Street was littered with political corpses and Westland was headline news for days, the Yeovil-based company can hardly be blamed for keeping a low profile. The interim statement to shareholders could scarcely be more downbeat. Yet it contains a number of nuggets well worth bringing to light.

Westland's ultra-conservative chairman Sir John Cuckney mentions in passing that the MoD awarded a contract to develop a battlefield support variant of the Lynx helicopter, which — he says cautiously — should be followed by an order for 16 aircraft. In fact, this is news of an important new order and the work is as good as on the production line. It represents, perhaps, £50 million of turnover, a substantial new workload for the helicopter division.

Sir John also underplayed the impact of the delay in delivering 20 Sea King helicopters under a contract from India. Profits would have been considerably higher but for a sharp rise in interest charges from £400,000 to £2.8 million. It is reasonable to suppose that the Sea King delay, because of problems with bought-in systems, accounted for a good deal of that, due to substantially increase inventory.

The Sea Kings will start to be shipped this year and will flatter profits handsomely. Sir John warned once again that Westland is going through a lean period. In fact, the likely outcome of £25 million this year, putting the shares on an 11 times p/e, barely qualifies for that harsh description.

The shares are for salting away until the early 1990s, when the trail-blazing EH 101 comes on stream. The new model could lift Westland's profits to new orders of magnitude.

Electricity sell-off chairmen named

By Colin Narbrough

Lord Marshall of Goring, the chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, who opposed the Government's privatization plans for electricity, was yesterday named chairman-designate of "Big G" — the bigger of the two generating companies to be formed from the CEGB.

Mr Robert Malpas, managing director of BP, will be chairman of the smaller company — "Little G".

The CEGB is to be split into two generating companies. The first flotation is expected in 1990.

Mr John Baker, managing director of CEGB, will be the managing director of Big G, while Mr Ed Wallis, director of operations at CEGB, will hold the post at Little G.

In spite of its name, Little G will not be small. It will rank among the country's top 25 and be one of the largest independent power companies in the world.

The chairman designate and chief executive of the national grid company will be Mr David Jefferies, deputy chairman at the Electricity Council, and Mr Bill Kerss, deputy chairman of the South Wales Electricity Board.

600 Group ahead to £6.6m profits

By Our City Staff

An improving trading outlook and better management of assets helped 600 Group, the scrap metal and machine tool business, to increase 1987-88 pretax profits from £5 million to £6.6 million and look optimistically upon the current year.

Sales in the year to end-March edged ahead from £122.9 million to £123.8 million. Earnings per share advanced from 7.3p to 11.3p. A final dividend of 3.4p was declared, making a maintained total of 5.8p.

The profits advance was underpinned by a surplus of £2.2 million on property disposals, compared to £30,000 in 1986-87. But trading profits rose from £3.1 million to £4.5 million.

Although demand for machine tools remained depressed during the first nine months of the year, there was an improvement in order intake during the final quarter. The effect of this was not widely reflected in these results although, according to the chairman, Sir Jeffrey Benson, there is now a greater degree of optimism and confidence than has existed for some years.

The Post Office

SALE OF

Girobank plc

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster announced in Parliament on 7th June, 1988 that the Post Office's banking subsidiary Girobank plc ("Girobank") is to be sold.

Girobank has grown rapidly from its origins as a cash transmission service and is now a successful financial institution offering a range of services to both personal and corporate customers. In the year to 1st April 1987, Girobank made a historical cost operating profit of £23.1 million. The results for 1987/88 will be available shortly. The Bank expects to have met its financial targets.

Girobank has over 2 million personal accounts. These are serviced mainly by post or telephone and through the Post Office Counters network which gives access to some 20,000 outlets throughout the U.K. The Bank handles over £35 billion p.a. of cash deposits from the retail sector and in addition offers a wide range of other services to the corporate sector.

Girobank is a member of the Association for Payment Clearing Services. It is also a member of the LINK organisation, offering automated banking facilities, and produces its own VISA credit card.

The Post Office will be responsible for conducting the sale of Girobank. In the assessment of bids, the price offered by the prospective purchaser will, of course, be a major determinant. But in addition the following criteria will be taken into account:

i) The prospective purchaser's plans for the future development of Girobank and in particular their likely impact on the Post Office's continuing operations, especially those of Post Office Counters Ltd.
ii) The arrangements proposed by any prospective purchaser to enable management and staff to share directly in the success of the business.
iii) The promise any purchaser brings of widening customer choice in the market place in which Girobank operates.
iv) The necessity for any prospective purchaser to be approved in due course by the Bank of England.

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Post Office Board will be concerned to ensure that in any trade sale, proper regard is paid to the interests of employees.

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry is required to approve the final terms of sale.

The sale of Girobank is being conducted by Schroders on behalf of the Post Office. Prospective purchasers are being asked to register their interest by Friday 24th June with:

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Prospective purchasers will be sent an explanatory memorandum describing the selling process in due course. The intention is to complete the sale of Girobank by the end of this year.

Schroders

Who's who with some discretion

So who *is* who in the City? Well, it's a moveable feast. The usual names are all there in the first edition of *Who's Who In The City*, a fat £85 annual published yesterday that tries to educate the ignorant. Stock Exchange chairman Sir Nicholas Goodison is there. So is Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England. But what of Roger Seelig and Lord Spens, two of the City's best known merchant bankers. Or Ernest Saunders, former boss of Guinness? Or Gerald Ronson, head of Britain's biggest privately-owned company? Or businessman Sir Jack Lyons? Or stockbroker Tony Parnes? "Er, yes, well we had to draw a line," says editor Anne Greenshields. "People who have been arrested or suspected are not in the book. It's a Stock Exchange Press book, so we had to take a view on that." So why does David Mayhew, the recently arrested partner of blue-blooded City broker Cazenove, still merit an entry? "He hasn't been arrested has he?" I'm afraid he has, Anne. So if any of the Mayhews want a copy of the 651-page bible that still has an entry for David, perhaps they had better not wait until the 1989 edition comes out.

Shoe shuffle

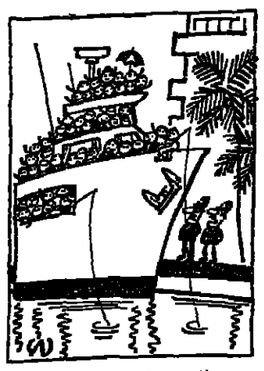
Who is behind the mysterious and coyly named Investcorp, which has emerged as the stalker of Gucci, the Italian design house that became famous for selling loafers to

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Tiny to battle on

Is Tiny Rowland, now in his seventies, thinking of putting his feet up and taking early retirement? Apparently not. Paul Spicer, a Lonrho director, booms: "How old was Winston Churchill when he was saving this country from the jackboots of the Germans. He was 70, and then he went on to fight two more elections. We have no intention of packing our bags and being carried out feet first." Perhaps Mohammed Al-Fayed, the Egypan-born owner of Harods with whom Rowland has a difference of opinion, should prepare to be fought on the beaches, to be fought in the fields, to be fought in the streets, and to be fought in the hills. Clearly Tiny will never surrender.

lounge lizards? None other than Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, one-time *éminence grise* of Opec, who I understand is the biggest single investor in the Bahrain group. Jeffrey Robinson, author of a controversial new book about Yamani called *Yamani — The Inside Story*, tells me the former Saudi oil minister has a big say in what Investcorp does. It already has a stake in Tiffany, the ritzy jeweller. Last year Yamani personally took over luxury Swiss watchmaker Vacheron Constantin. It seems the suave Saudi is fast becoming the Victor Kiam of the smart set: when he likes the company enough, he buys it.



"They all claim to own shares in it"

Glass houses

One of Japan's largest trading houses, Mitsubishi, expects queues to form for its latest *brainchild — prefabricated* five-storey pagodas painted any colour you like. Buddhist-inspired and 36ft high, the pagodas are made of a special concrete-containing glass fibre and cost £750,000 each. "The pagoda may be able to ride on the current Japanese garden boom in France and the United States," a spokesman says optimistically. The queue doesn't start here.

Like 'fax like owner

The City Organiser is to Filofaxes what Boots is to corn plasters. Open for three months, this shop in Bow Lane is the only one in the City to specialize in everything for the yuppies' security blanket, the personal organizer, be it Filofax or one of the other makes. Andrew Morse, the managing partner, reckons that, just as people are said to look like their dogs, so they mirror their 'faxes. Small, neat people tend to go for the small, neat organizers while fatsos nearly always buy large Filofaxes and stuff them fit to burst. There are also "junkies" who come in every day to buy something new with which to feed their pet. The booming market has led to some strange inserts, such as menstrual calendars, slimming guides and a guide to the Financial Services Act. The City Organiser intends producing maps of the Tokyo and Hong Kong financial districts, as well as a detailed guide to the Square Mile itself. Because Filofax is currently the trendy thing in Japan, Japanese clients in Bow Lane refuse to use any other make, while the anti-trendies shun the heavy, bulky, organizers in favour of the smallest version which measures only three inches by two and fits into the back pocket. Their oddest customer has been a priest from St Paul's who wanted an insert for his Filofax which would hold his communion wafers. An insert for credit cards apparently does the job perfectly.

Joe Joseph

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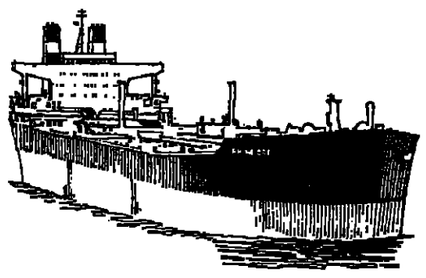
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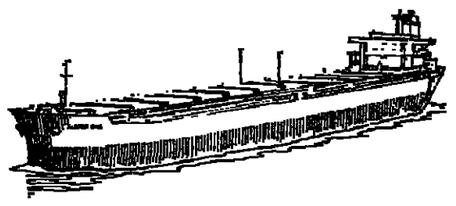


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Allid-Lyons	2,578	Cons Gold	473	L&G	758	Salnsbury	442
Amstrad	8,726	Cookson	36	Lloyds	806	Scot & N	406
ASDA	328	Courtaulds	1,127	Lonmo	809	Sears	2,514
AB Foods	275	Dalgety	1,381	Lucas	1,092	Sedgwick	548
Argyll	2,133	Dee	127	Magnet	690	Shell	779
BAA	6,200	Dixons	3,292	M&S	1,523	Smith & N	2,071
BET	2,079	ECC	377	Maxwell Cm	246	Smth WH	310
BTR	2,859	Enterprise	452	MEPC	489	Smiths Ind	166
BAT	1,162	Ferranti	2,091	Metal Box	1,213	STC	1,819
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Beecham	5,707	Gen Acc	942	Next	829	Sun Alnce	225
Beazer	1,166	GEC	5,913	Nth Food	920	T & N	1,420
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BICC	182	Globe Inv	152	Pearl	585	Tate & Lyle	325
Blue Arrow	258	Glynwed	1,038	Pearson	37	TSB	2,793
Blue Circle	1,678	Granada	429	Pilkington	4,668	Tesco	4,385
BOC	8,330	Grand Met	1,075	Plessey	1,796	Thorn EMI	2,128
Boots	429	GUS 'A'	162	Prudential	3,944	Trafalgar	3,019
BPB	3,685	GRE	393	Racal	2,970	THF	944
Br Aero	766	GKN	405	Rk Hovis	881	Ultramar	924
Br Airways	3,010	Guinness	1,103	Rank	750	Ungate	4,679
Br Comm	3,756	Hamm 'A'	112	R&C	173	Unilever	896
Br Gas	7,783	Hanson	6,186	Redland	725	United Bis	6,831
Br Petrol	2,296	Hawker	162	Reed	3,870	Utd News	436
Br Telecm	4,544	Hillsdown	796	Reuters	1,709	Welcome	1,128
Bristol	33	IMI	158	RMC Gp	359	Whitbrd	454
Bunzl	550	ICI	1,171	RTZ	676	Williams	1,527
Burmah	576	Inchcape	2,003	R-Royce	4,167	Willis Fab	88
Burton	837	Jaguar	891	Rothmn 'B'	265	Wimpey G	626
C&W	4,369	Lasmo	1,916	Rowntree	1,624	Woolworth	1,593
Cadbury	7,405	Ladbroke	347	Royal Bank	709	Equities page 31	

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Allid Lyon	390	40	53	62	4	9	14
(*422)	420	18	32	42	14	18	28
	460	6	15	24	42	44	50
Bass	800	28	52	65	16	30	37
(*802)	850	7	27	40	55	60	65
Brit Air	140	7	14	18	5	8	12
(*142)	160	2	6	10	20	22	25
	180	1	2	5	40	41	42
Brit Corn	260	21	30	35	7	13	17
(*271)	280	10	18	25	17	22	27
	300	4	11	17	32	35	40
Brit Gas	170	9½	-	-	6	9	-
(*175)	180	3¼	8	12	12¼	14½	-
	200	¾	3	5	30	32	34
BP	240	31	36	-	1½	5	-
(*257)	260	14½	21	28	5½	11½	17
	280	5	11	18½	17¾	25	28
British	460	70	77	-	3	6	-
(*525)	500	25	50	-	8	15	-
Cons Gold	950	145	175	205	11	34	45
(*1073)	1000	107	140	170	18	44	67
Courtauld	1050	73	-	-	37	-	-
(*337)	300	45	53	-	5	11	-
	330	20	33	42	13	18	26
	360	7	20	28	32	40	43
	390	2	12	19	55	62	65
Com Union	330	57	62	68	1	6	9
(*364)	360	30	40	47	6	17	20
	390	14	22	32	20	30	35
C & W	300	70	78	83	1½	5	10
(*366)	330	43	52	57	4	12	18
	360	30	32	40	12	22	32
GEC	140	10	14	17	3	6	9
(*147)	160	2	5½	9	14	18	20
	180	1	2½	-	34	35	-
GKN	280	41	47	55	1½	7	12
(*316)	300	24	33	43	6	14	18
	330	9	17	27	21	28	33
Grand Met	420	100	105	-	1	3	-
(*513)	460	62	70	82	3	8	11
	500	30	42	55	11	19	23
	550	6	17	26	40	45	50
ICI	900	145	147	157	1½	10	14
(*1034)	950	97	110	135	6	18	28
	1000	55	75	100	15	34	43
	1050	27	-	-	37	-	-
Jaguar	240	36	42	49	2	6	11
(*272)	260	20	28	37	6	14	18
	280	9½	17	26	16	23	29
Land Sec	500	92	107	112	1	5	11
(*585)	550	45	67	75	5	14	23
	600	12	33	45	25	32	45
M & S	160	16	20	28	1	4	7
(*172)	180	4	10	14	12	14	17
	200	1½	4	7	29	30	32
R-Royce	110	16	19½	23	1¾	3½	5
(*124)	120	8	12	15	3	6½	8
	130	3	7	11	8	12	14
STC	220	50	54	57	2	2½	6
(*267)	240	31	38	44	4	7	11
	260	16	23	30	10	13	17
Sainsbury	200	19	26	30	2½	6	8
(*218)	220	6	13	18	10	12	16
	240	1½	7	10	27	28	30
	260	1	3	5	46	47	49
Shell	1000	87	110	135	8	24	35
(*1068)	1050	50	-	-	22	-	-
	1100	25	45	78	45	68	77
Storehse	240	19	27	35	8	15	18
(*254)	260	7	18	25	22	28	32
	280	3½	11	17	37	42	47
Trafalgar	300	23	32	37	10	15	23
(*310)	330	5	16	23	27	33	40
	360	2	7	10	55	58	63
TSB	90	17	19	21	7	2½	3½
(*106)	100	7¾	11	13	3	5	6½
	110	2	6½	8	9	11	13
Ultramar	280	50	57	67	3	8	12
(*305)	280	32	43	55	7	15	19
	300	18	32	44	15	24	28
Woolworth	260	42	50	57	1	4	7
(*294)	280	24	35	42	4	11	15
	300	9	22	32	14	20	25

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jan	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Glaxo	850	88	125	133	1	14	25
(*935)	900	37	85	100	5	28	42
	950	7	56	73	24	50	65
Hanson	1000	1	33	51	66	77	97
(*137)	120	16½	20½	23	½	1½	3
	130	6½	12½	15½	½	3¼	6½
	140	¼	7	10½	5	9	11
Hawker	160	½	2¼	3½	24	24½	25
(*505)	460	45	62	75	1	7	14
	500	8	34	50	5	23	30
Lonhro	550	2	16	25	50	55	58
(*239)	200	34	39	45	½	2½	4
	220	16	25	32	1	7½	10
Midland	240	4	14	24	6	15	17
(*428)	257	1	-	-	19	-	-
	360	70	77	82	1	3	5
	390	40	45	57	1	11	15
Sears	420	12	28	38	5	25	27
(*120)	110	10	16	20	1	3½	6
	120	2	9	13	3½	7	10
Tesco	130	1	5½	9½	11	14	16
(*146)	140	7	17	19	2	6	8
	160	1	7	10	16	18	20
Thorn EMI	180	1	3	4	36	36	37
(*659)	500	159	167	-	1	3	-
	550	109	120	124	1	6	11
	600	59	75	80	1	13	22
THF	650	14	30	47	6	32	40
(*241)	220	22	28	35	1	4	6
	240	4	15	21	3	11	14
Unilever	260	1	6	10	20	23	26
(*475)	420	57	68	76	1	6	10
	460	17	38	49	3	17	22
Wellcome	500	1	20	29	30	38	43
(*538)	460	80	100	112	1	10	16
	500	39	70	85	1	19	30
	550	7	42	58	22	45	52

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAA	265	28	39	-	5	9	-
(*290)	280	17	29	38	10	14	18
	300	9	19	27	20	24	26
Brit Aero	330	78	83	-	2	6	-
(*400)	360	50	60	70	4	14	20
	390	28	39	52	13	24	30
	420	13	24	37	30	40	47
BAT Ind	390	62	66	78	2	9	11
(*443)	420	38	47	56	9	17	22
	460	14	28	38	27	37	43
	500	4½	14	-	60	63	-
Brit Tele	220	25	29	31	3½	5	10
(*242)	240	9	15	19	12	16	17
	260	3	6	13	26	29	31
Cadbury	330	85	97	107	5	12	16
(*408)	360	60	78	87	11	22	27
	390	39	59	70	21	35	42
	420	25	43	55	37	52	56
Guinness	280	77	80	-	1	2	-
(*330)	280	57	60	70	2	3	7
	300	38	45	53	4	8	13
	330	14	25	33	11	20	25
Ladbroke	360	77	83	-	1	4	-
(*432)	390	50	58	68	4	12	13
	420	26	37	48	13	22	26
LASMO	360	110	120	130	4	8	14
(*480)	390	85	98	108	6	14	22
	420	62	77	90	16	23	31
	460	35	55	68	32	42	48
Pilkington	180	35	42	47	4	6	10
(*214)	200	17	27	35	9	14	20
	220	8	16	22	20	27	32
	240	3	8	-	35	40	-
Plessey	140	20	27	30	3	7	9
(*156)	160	7	14	18	10	14	18
	180	2½	7	12	26	28	31
P & O	500	100	105	112	4	10	17
(*586)	550	55	65	75	10	20	30
	600	22	37	52	30	45	52
Prudential	150	17	20	-	3	6	-
(*162)	160	9	14	18	6	10	13
	170	4½	9	-	12	16	-
Racal	300	27	41	52	13	19	24
(*315)	330	14	26	38	30	33	38
	350	6½	16	26	51	53	58
RTZ	360	20	90	102	2½	6	10
(*431)	380	54	65	77	5	11	17
	420	33	45	58	12	22	27
Vaal Reefs	460	12	23	35	35	40	43
(*591)	80	15	18	22	1½	4	7
	90	8½	11	16	4½	9	12
	100	4½	6½	10	12	14	17
Tr 12%	108	4/16	4/32	-	2/32	1/16	-
1995	110	2/32	2/16	2/16	16/32	1/16	1½
(*112)	112	2/32	1/32	1/32	1¼	2/16	2½
	114	1/32	16/32	16/32	2¾	3/16	3¾
	116	2/32	2/16	¼	4/16	5/16	5¾
	118	1/16	-	-	6¾	-	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1839)

Series	Jan	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan	Jul	Aug	Sep
1650	196	204	210	215	1	5	9	15
1700	145	158	165	173	2½	9	15	22
1750	98	112	123	135	5	16	25	30
1800	53	74	88	97	12	27	37	45
1850	22	45	57	69	30	48	58	65
1900	6	22	35	45	65	77	87	120
1950	1½	8	17	27	115	115	118	120

June 9, 1988 Total: 34965 Calls 24761 Puts 10205 FT-SE: Calls 2332 Puts 1162
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A reoganization of ICI's fertilizers division will cost the group £44 million net of tax and affect the jobs of around 500 employees.

Half of them should be redeployed within ICI, but about 250 may be made redundant.

ICI will spend a further £30 million over the next three years in upgrading the division's production facilities.

First dividend

Camford Engineering, the car components group, saw pretax profits climb from £1.12 million to £1.57 million in the six months to end-March, on a turnover up from £28.7 million to £43.5 million. Earnings per share rose from 4.37p to 5.37p. The interim dividend is 1p a share, the first the company has paid.

Sidlaw ahead

Sidlaw, the oil services and textile group, made pretax profits for the six months to April 1 of £2.59 million, against £744,000 previously. Earnings per share revived from 2.44p to 7.68p. The interim dividend is lifted 2p to 2.75p.

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TSB England & Wales is introducing special home banking telephone pads for the blind for use with the Speedlink service, which allows customers to obtain information and put through financial transfers by telephone.

CSR record

CSR, the diversified Australian group with plasterboard interests in Britain, earned a record Aus$185.3 million (£82.4 million), up 23 per cent, in the year to end-March.

Turbulent conditions ahead for Westland helicopters

By John Bell, City Editor

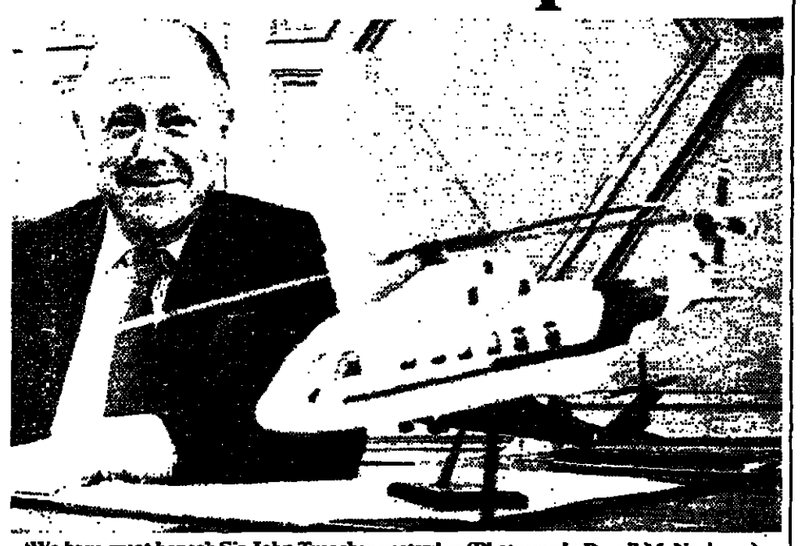
Profits at Westland, the Yeovil-based helicopter company rescued after a political row two years ago, continue to deteriorate, and Sir John Cuckney, the chairman, has repeated his warning that "the group is at the beginning of a lean period".

At the pretax level profits showed an apparent rise from £8.8 million to £13.1 million in the six months to end-March. But the 1986-87 figure had been struck after an exceptional provision of £16 million for redundancy and reorganization costs.

Sir John said he had always maintained the company's recovery would take at least five years from the completion of a big reorganization. "We are not yet half-way," he said.

Progress so far was in line with plans. "We must now expand our presence in the market place and invest more in product development, in order to take advantage of medium and long-term opportunities."

Margins were hit by several adverse factors, including the dollar's weakness. Westland had also reached the end of a number of highly profitable contracts, and deliveries on a substantial export contract for Sea King helicopters had been delayed. "But I still anticipate that they will begin this year," added Sir John.



'We have great hopes': Sir John Treacher yesterday (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

Turnover fell 5 per cent to £185.8 million, while the cost of sales remained almost unchanged at £165 million. Interest charges were £2.4 million higher at £2.8 million, leaving profit before exceptional items and tax at £13.1 million, compared with £24.8 million in the first half of the previous financial year.

Westland's aerospace division dipped into the red, recording a pretax loss of £500,000 against a previous profit of £1.9 million. Helicopters and customer support produced sharply lower profits of £7.8 million (£16.2 million), while the technologies division made £4.8 million, compared with £5.9 million.

Sir John said a number of encouraging developments augured well for the medium and long term. A contract for the Canadian Navy opened up opportunities.

Sir John Treacher, the deputy chairman, said the group had to do "a bit more pushing in the market place". This would involve extra costs.

"But nothing that would cripple us. We have great hopes for the future," he added.

"The fact that we have not cut the dividend should be taken as an expression of confidence." The board declared an unchanged interim dividend of 1.25p a share.

Hunter Saphir serves up a dishy £5m

By Michael Tate

Hunter Saphir, the baby foods group, produced pretax profits of just above £5 million in the year to end-February, compared with £2.75 million previously.

But Mr Nicholas Saphir, the chairman, gave a warning that the figures for the first half of the current year could be disappointing.

The problem area is the produce division, where fierce competition in fruit distribution wiped out margins and left losses of £700,000.

The group operations are being relocated on one site to cut costs, which will restrict group profits growth in the first half.

But the board expects the produce activities to break even this year.

Last summer's £3 million acquisition of Emile Tissot and October's £6.3 million purchase of Butterkist contributed to the results.

The cash purchase of Tissot and the substantial stocks that came in with the canned foods acquisition from the S&W Berisford group, have swollen the interest charge

Earnings per share rise to 11.3p, against 9.5p. A 2.7p final dividend makes a 4.05p total, against 3.3p last time.

'European company' idea revived

By Colin Narbrough

The European Commission yesterday agreed to revive and revamp a long-dormant plan for a "Euro-company" – a legal corporate entity under European Economic Community law to cover all the activities of companies operating in several member states.

Brussels sees the Euro-company performing a central role in enabling companies to benefit fully from the unified European market, due for completion by the end of 1992, equipping them better to compete with big American and Japanese groups.

The plan still needs member states' approval, and Lord Cockfield, the Commission's vice-president, has predicted a fresh showdown with Britain over company law and workers' rights.

Commission officials said the proposals now approved call for companies seeking to become Euro-companies to register under national law too. They would be able to pay tax due on their Community-wide earnings on a consolidated basis in the country where their headquarters are located.

It was underlined that new company status would be available to firms on a voluntary basis as an additional option. The first Euro-company proposals launched in 1970, which foresaw compulsory participation, came to nothing, mainly because they included plans for worker-participation in management.

On the controversial issue of worker-participation, the Commission proposals provide three options: co-management along West German lines, the works committee system used in France and Italy, and separate deals between management and the workforce in each company.

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In this advertisement, Iain Vallance answers questions about British Telecom's just-published financial results for the year to 31st March, 1988.

Q. This is the first time you've reported on a full year's results to shareholders. Have you got good news for them?

A. Yes, I have. We did well financially, with turnover up 9.1%, pre-tax profits up 10.9% and earnings per share up 12.6%. And we've been able to increase dividends by 12.4%. Just as important, we've improved service to our customers. So we've made real progress both financially and in service quality.

Q. But how could you achieve both sorts of improvement in the UK when prices were frozen throughout the year?

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Highlights of the year

- Turnover up 9.1% to £10,185 million.
- Profit before tax up 10.9% to £2,292 million.
- Earnings of 23.6 pence per share – up 12.6%.
- Dividend of 9.5p per share for the year – up 12.4%.
- Investment in the business reached £2,387 million.

Q. I see you invested over £2 billion in the year. Why so much?

A. Well, BT is a vast enterprise living through a period of exciting – and very expensive – technological change. To give you an idea, computerising our Directory Enquiries service cost no less than £180 million. And remember, we're still catching up on decades of under-investment that happened when we weren't our own masters.

Financial Results for year ended 31 March 1988

	Fourth Quarter 1987/8 £m	Fourth Quarter 1986/7 £m	Full Year 1987/8 £m	Full Year 1986/7 £m
Turnover	2,688	2,394	10,185	9,339
Operating profit	691	629	2,609	2,349
Profit before taxation	598	555	2,292	2,067
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	371	341	1,417	1,257
Earnings per ordinary share	6.2p	5.6p	23.6p	20.9p
Dividends per ordinary share (net)			9.5p	8.45p

The accounts from which these figures are extracted have not yet been filed with the Registrar of Companies or reported on by the auditors.

A final dividend of 5.75 pence net per share will be proposed to the Annual General Meeting, making a total dividend of 9.5 pence net for the year. It will be paid on 5 September to those investors on the register on 4 August 1988.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on 29 July 1988 at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, West Midlands. The Report and Accounts and information about this and other shareholder meetings will be posted to investors from 23 June 1988.

Q. The obvious question – is it paying off?

A. Oh, yes. It's a key to improved service. We promised last autumn that 90% of our payphones would be in operation by March – and we actually achieved a figure of 92%. From next April we'll be able to offer customers compensation for delays in providing or restoring service. That's down to investment – and a lot of hard work by our staff, too.

Q. A last question. What does the future look like for shareholders?

A. Bright, provided we keep improving our standards. We're aiming to move into what I call a "virtuous circle", where financial success leads to more investment, which leads to better service, which leads to more customer demand, which leads to more financial success – and so on. That's our way forward; and I'm confident we're in good shape to take it.

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STOCK MARKET

Financial sector awaits foreign bid

The long-awaited move by foreign predators into the British financial sector looked imminent, according to dealers, as shares of insurance and banking groups soared in hectic late trading yesterday.

Abbey Life, the group which specializes almost entirely in unit-linked business, is still tipped to be the first to receive an offer and its shares advanced by a further 11p to 321p on a turnover of nearly 5 million shares.

Banque Paribas, the French group which already owns the old Quilter Goodison stockbroking operation, is favourite to bid, apparently keen on Abbey's large sales force and well-known name. It is said to have already built up a near-5 per cent shareholding over the past couple of months.

The action also spread to other insurance issues with **Pearl** jumping 20p to 515p on talk that Mr Larry Adler's FAI Insurances, which already holds a 7.1 per cent stake, is about to increase its holding prior to a full-scale offer.

Commercial Union, the perennial bid target in which Mr John Spalvins' Adelaide Steamship owns a 5.175 per cent, advanced 10p to 390p on a turnover of nearly 6 million shares. One dealer was moved to say: "You never know, even a bid for CU could happen in these markets ahead of 1992."

Royal, the other associate company of Mr Spalvins, moved up 12p to 418.5p in sympathy.

The excitement extended to the bank sector where **Morgan Grenfell**, shrugging aside the recent denial by the Deutsche Bank that it intends to use its 5 per cent stake in the group as a platform for a bid, moved up 10 to 353p.

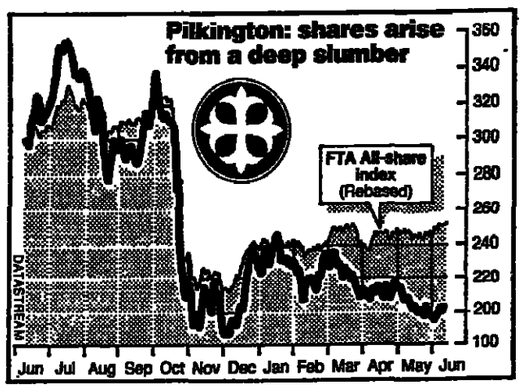
Singer & Friedlander, one of the smaller merchant banks, rose a further 7p to 92p as dealers continued to pin their hopes on a 100p-plus bid from Mr John Gunn's **British & Commonwealth**.

Shares of British & Commonwealth, meanwhile, gained 11p to 273p on hopes of confirmation of the £350 million Bricom buyout.

Elsewhere, shares prices closed at their best levels of the day, helped at the outset by the Dow industrial average's overnight rise of 48 points on Wall Street and, later in the day, by renewed takeover speculation in the financial and food sectors.

Wall Street's steady opening yesterday also enabled the FT-SE 100 share index to soldier on towards the 1,850 level. The index closed 13.3 points higher at 1,841.5 with the number of shares traded on Seaq rising to 482.3 million.

Beazer, which last week won its fight for control of Koppers in the US, should have further bullish news in the shape of a £100 million building contract for its Kier construction subsidiary. Brokers should soon start to upgrade their profits forecasts. The shares closed 2p up at 178p.



The narrower FT 30 share index closed with a rise of 8.5 points at 1,463.7p.

Gilt-edged stocks ended below their best with improvements of £⅛.

Another good business — 8.9 million shares — was transacted in **Amstrad**, Mr Alan Sugar's electronics and computer group, following Wednesday's news of its entry into the satellite television market. The shares closed 11p higher at 210p.

Shares of **Pilkington**, the glass manufacturer, which have been friendless for months, showed signs of a strong recovery, closing 9p higher at 212p on a turnover of almost 5 million shares.

Dealers reported a good two-way trade as investors suddenly chased them higher in expectation of good annual results when the company reports on Wednesday.

Analysts' forecasts of pretax profits for the year ending March 31 range between £300 million and £310 million against £256 million last time. They also expect a bullish statement from Mr Antony Pilkington, the chairman, on current-year prospects with some of them already predicting maximum pretax profits of £360 million.

Last August Pilkington paid Revlon £361 million to buy Vision-Care, a leading US manufacturer of optical products which catapulted it into a much bigger league in the contact lens market. Vision-Care is now tipped to contribute a much-bigger-than-expected £50 million pretax figure in the current year.

It is now some 17 months since Sir Owen Green's BTR, the industrial conglomerate, abandoned its £1.2 billion bid for Pilkington, but retained a near-4 per cent stake in the company.

BTR is now free to bid again and has been so since January. Some dealers still believe that Sir Owen Green has not entirely given up, but even if he has, could pass his stake on to another predator.

Taylor Woodrow, the construction group, jumped by 11p to 446p, after 452p, as buyers found market-makers none-too-well supplied with stock.

Walter Lawrence, the Hertfordshire-based housebuilding and contracting group, continued to attract speculative support on bid hopes and closed 10p higher at 171.5p.

The group reported a bumper set of annual results in April with profits up 61 per cent to £12.1 million and dealers now suggest that English China Clays has perhaps abandoned its pursuit of another housebuilder. Bryant Holdings, to bid for Walter Lawrence.

Shares of Aberdeen Steak Houses, the USM-quoted restaurant chain owned by Mr Ali Salih, the Turkish Cypriot businessman, jumped 17p to 94.5p amid talk of an imminent bid of 150p a share. The company has suffered from internal troubles over the past couple of years.

Unigate, the St Ivel to Cow & Gate dairy group, was a strong feature in the food sector, jumping by 33p to 345p as nearly 5 million shares changed hands.

Demand was fuelled by revived takeover speculation. Cadbury Schweppes and Hillsdown have both been mentioned recently as possible predators, but dealers yesterday were pinning their hopes on a bid from Kraft Inc of the US.

Little corporate action, however, is expected ahead of the group's preliminary results which are scheduled for next Thursday. These are expected to be poor with last year's cold, wet summer reducing demand for yoghurt and soft drinks. So analysts have downgraded their pretax profits forecasts to about £95 million, against £105 million last time.

Late rumours that Jacobs Suchard had agreed to sell its 29.9 per cent stake in Rowntree to Nestlé, its Swiss rival for £11.50, and that Nestlé will be increasing its offer for Rowntree to that level, sparked off hectic speculative activity in both Rowntree and Cadbury Schweppes.

Shares of Rowntree, raced up to £10.73 at one stage, before reacting on a reported denial from Suchards of any planned sale to close 25p higher at £10.62 on a turnover of 1.6 million shares.

Buyers quickly pushed Cadbury Schweppes up to 422p on the assumption that Suchards would turn its attention to Cadbury, before the shares boiled over to finish 8p better on balance at 413.5p with nearly 8 million shares changing hands.

Geoffrey Foster

WALL STREET

Dow edges higher in early trading

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street shares edged towards the blue chips' post-crash closing high in early trading yesterday.

Brokers said that despite a soft bond market, shares rose, aided by a continuing fall in commodity futures contracts and a sharp rally on Wednesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 4.45 points to 2,107.40 at one stage. Its post-crash closing high of 2,110.08 was reached on April 12.

The transport indicator was up 3.14 to 876.19.

Advancing issues held a small lead over declining shares.

The most active issues included Detroit Edison, unchanged at 14

	Jun 8	Jun 7		Jun 8	Jun 7		Jun 8	Jun 7
AMR Cp	48⅞	48	Fedders	8¾	8⅞	Pennzoil	75⅝	73⅝
ASA	45⅛	45⅛	Fst Chicago	28¾	28⅜	Pepsico	37⅛	36⅝
Aetna Life	45	44⅛	Fst Int Bncp	46¾	45⅞	Pfizer	52⅝	51⅞
Allied Signal	33⅛	33⅛	Fst Penn C	10⅝	10⅝	Phelps Dod	42⅛	42⅛
Allis Chaln	1⅛	1	FT Wachva	37⅛	37⅛	Philip Mor	86½	83⅛
Alcoa	50⅛	48⅝	Ford Motor	51⅝	50⅛	Philip Pet	17⅛	17⅛
Amax Inc	22⅝	22⅛	GAF Cp	49	49	Pillsbury	38⅛	38⅛
AMR Hess	29⅛	28⅛	GTE Cp	37⅝	37	Polaroid	35	34½
Am Brands	45⅛	44½	Gen Cp	18⅝	18⅝	Primerica	25⅜	24¼
Am Cynmd	50	50⅛	Gn Dynam	54	52⅝	Proct Gble	77⅞	76⅛
Am Ele Pwr	26¾	27⅛	Gen Electric	43⅜	42¼	Pub S E G	24⅛	23⅝
Amexs	27	26½	Gen Inst	39⅝	38½	R Nabisco	48⅛	48⅛
Am Family	14	13⅞	Gen Mills	48¾	48⅝	Raytheon	64⅛	63⅛
Am Home	73⅛	73⅝	Gen Motors	77⅞	75⅞	Rynlds Metl	48⅛	47⅛
Am Int Grp	57⅛	56⅝	Gen Pub Ut	34½	35	Rockwell Int	19⅝	19⅝
Am Stand	77⅛	77⅛	Genesco	4¼	4	Royal Dutch	118	116
Am Telph	27⅝	26⅝	Georgia Pac	40⅝	39⅝	SFE Sopac	19	18⅞
Amoco Cp	78⅛	75½	Gillette	38⅛	38	Sara Lee	38⅛	37⅛
Anheuser B	31⅝	30¾	Goodrich	52⅛	51¼	Schlumb	36⅞	36
Armco Steel	10⅝	9⅝	Goodyear	66⅝	64⅛	Scott Paper	39⅝	39⅛
Asarco Inc	25⅛	25⅜	Gould Inc	15	14⅝	Seagram	54⅛	53
Ashland Oil	69⅛	69⅛	Grace Co	27⅛	25⅝	Sears Roeb	36⅛	35½
Atl Richfld	87⅛	84⅜	Grt Atl Pac	36⅝	35⅝	Shell Trans	77⅛	77⅛
Avon Prod	25⅛	23⅝	Greyhnd	30	29½	Smith Beck	52⅜	51⅛
Bk Boston	26⅛	26⅝	Gruman	20⅞	20⅞	Sony Cp	41½	41⅛
Bank NY	33⅛	32⅜	Gulf Westn	44	41⅛	Sth Cal Edi	33⅝	32⅛
Bankamer	11	10⅝	Heinz	41⅜	40⅛	SW Bell	39⅝	37⅞
Bkrs Tst NY	35	34½	Hercules	47⅜	46⅛	Squibb	65⅛	64⅜
Baxter	22⅛	21⅜	Hewlett Pk	58⅝	57⅜	Stevens JP	68⅛	66⅝
Beth Steel	20½	19⅝	Honeywell	73⅜	72⅛	Sun Comp	60⅝	59⅜
Boeing	54⅛	54⅛	IC Ind	33	32⅜	TRW Inc	47⅜	45⅞
Borse Casc	45⅛	44½	ITT Cp	50⅛	49	Teledyne	345	339½
Borden	51⅛	51⅜	INCO	32⅝	31⅝	Tenneco	47	46½
Brstl Meyr	41⅞	40½	Ing Rand Wi	43⅜	42⅛	Texaco	51⅜	51
BP	59	58⅝	Inland Steel	33	31⅛	Tex Eastn	26⅝	26⅜
Brunswick	23⅞	22⅝	IBM	116⅝	113⅞	Texas Inst	48⅛	47⅜
Burl Nth	71⅜	71⅛	Int Paper	45⅞	43⅞	Tex Util	25⅜	25⅛
CBS	160⅛	158½	Irving Bk	64⅛	63⅜	Textron	23⅜	23⅛
Cms Engy	18⅛	18⅜	Jhsn & Jhsn	80⅜	78⅛	Travelers	37	36⅝
CPC Int	47⅞	47½	K Mart	34⅛	33⅛	UAL Cp	86½	85
CSX Cp	26⅝	26½	Kansertech	17⅞	17⅛	USG	46	46⅛
Camp Soup	26	25⅝	Kerr McGee	36⅝	36⅛	USX Cp	32⅝	32
Can Pacific	18⅛	18⅝	Kimbrly Clrk	54⅜	53⅝	Unilever Plc	33⅛	33
Caterpillar	64⅛	63⅜	Kraft	54	53½	Un Carbide	19⅞	19⅝
Centrl SW	33⅛	32⅝	Kroger	34⅛	33⅜	Un Pac Cp	65⅞	64⅜
Champion	35⅝	34	LTV Cp	3⅞	3⅞	Unisys Cp	36⅛	34⅞
Chase Man	28⅞	28⅝	Litton	84⅛	83⅛	Unit Brand	16⅝	16⅛
Chem Bank	31⅛	31⅛	Lockheed	44⅜	43⅝	Us West	55	53⅝
Chevron	51⅞	50⅜	Lucky Str	64⅜	64⅜	Utd Tech	38⅛	38⅜
Chrysler	22⅝	22	Man H'nwr	31	30⅝	Unocal	37⅛	37⅞
Cmcorp	24⅛	23⅝	Manville	2	2	Warn Lamb	69½	68⅝
Clark Eq	34	33⅜	Mapco	56	55⅜	Wells Far	58⅝	58⅜
Coca Cola	39⅛	38⅞	Marriott	29⅝	29⅛	Westg El	53⅝	53⅛
Colgate	45	44⅝	Mt Marietta	42⅛	41⅜	Weyershr	26⅞	26⅜
Columb Gas	30⅛	30½	Masco	28⅞	28⅜	Whirlpool	27⅛	27
Cmb tn Eng	33⅞	33⅝	Mcdonalds	45⅛	44⅛	Woolworth	53	52⅝
Cmwlth Edi	28⅛	26⅝	McDonnell	61½	61	Xerox Cp	53⅜	52⅛
Cons Edis	44⅝	44⅛	Mead Cp	37½	38	Zenith	24⅛	24⅜
Consol Ng	36⅛	35½	Merck	55⅞	54⅜			
Cont Data	27⅛	27	Minsta Mng	84	82⅛	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	54⅛	53⅜	Mobil	46⅝	44⅞			
Crane	30⅛	29⅝	Monsanto	84	82⅛	Agnco Eag	18⅜	18½
Curtiss W	48½	47⅜	Monteadson	12	11⅜	Alcan Alum	37⅞	37⅞
Data Gent	22⅛	21½	Morgan Jp	37⅛	36⅛	Algoma Stl	20.75	20⅜
Deere Co	49⅛	49¼	Motorola	51⅜	49⅜	Can Pacific	23⅛	22⅝
Delta Air	51⅝	49½	NCR	63⅜	62⅛	Comnco	21⅜	21½
Detroit Edi	14	13⅝	NL Indstrs	7	6⅝	Con Bathrst	17⅛	16⅞
Digital Eq	111⅞	109⅛	Nat Md Ent	23⅜	23⅜	Hawk S Can	23½	23⅛
Disney	62⅛	61	Nat Semi	15	14⅜	Hud Bay M	19⅜	19⅛
Dow Chem	86⅛	84½	Norfolk Sth	27⅜	26	Imasco	25⅝	25⅛
Dressr Ind	33⅞	33⅜	NW Bancrp	44⅜	43⅛	Imperial Oil	56⅜	56⅛
Dupont	86⅛	84½	Occid Petl	26⅜	25⅝	Inco	39⅝	38⅝
Duke Pwr	46⅛	45⅝	Ogden Cp	28½	28½	Royl Trstco	16⅝	16⅜
East Kodak	44⅛	43⅞	Ohn Cp	49⅞	50⅛	Seagram	65⅞	65
Eaton Cp	84	79	PPG Ind	43	41⅜	Steinco 'A'	23	22⅝
Emerson El	32	31⅛	Pac Emerp	48⅞	47¼	Thmsn N 'A'	27⅛	27⅛
Emery Air	5⅝	5	Pac Gas El	16	15⅞	Vanty Cp	4.40	4.35
Exxon	45⅛	44⅛	Pan Am	2⅜	2⅜	WCT	17⅛	17⅛
Farah Inc	9	9⅛	Pennay JC	49⅝	48⅝	Weston	33⅜	33⅜

Tokyo cuts trading time as volume rises

Tokyo (Reuter) — The Tokyo Stock Exchange will reduce trading hours by 30 minutes from today because of heavy volume in shares.

The exchange said in a statement yesterday that afternoon trading of stocks, warrants, convertible and warrant bonds would begin half an hour later, at 1.30 pm (4.30 am GMT). The shortened hours would remain effective until the level of trading subsides.

Share prices surged to a record close, but ended off earlier peaks in near-record volume thanks to big gains on Wall Street overnight and drops in global commodity prices, brokers said.

The Nikkei index rose 159.37 points to close at 28,072.02, after touching 28,173.54. The previous trading record of 28,059.97 was set on June 6. Turnover soared to 2.6 billion shares against 1.8 billion on Wednesday.

● **Hong Kong** — Share prices climbed amid the heaviest turnover so far this year, brokers said. The Hang Seng index rose 31.85 points to finish at 2,640.83.

● **Sydney** — Shares failed to hold early gains and closed easier in modest trading yesterday. The All-Ordinaries index slipped 1.1 points to close at 1,590.2 after reaching 1,598.0.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings May 31	Last Dealings June 10	Last Declaration September 1	For Settlement September 12

Call options were taken out on: 9/6/88 Singer & Friedlander, London Secs., TSB, Rutland, Bass, Johnson & Firth Brown, Cadbury, North Kalgurli Mines, Arthur, Trimoco, Telemetrix, Blenheim, Scottish Ice Rink, Bristol Channel, BSR, B Prest, Thomson T-Line, Newman Inds., Vaux Group, Holmes Protection, Trafalgar House, Reed Int., Courtaulds, Dee Corp., Tyndall Hldgs., Pilkington, Coloroll, Stakis.
Puts: Cadbury, Tramwood, NSM, Elswick.
Puts & Calls: Scottish Ice Rink, Singer & Friedlander.

"Lonrho's profit attributable to shareholders has increased by 31%"

R W Rowland, Chief Executive

Lonrho presents its interim figures for 1987/88 with another record profit before tax of over £80 million. Profit attributable to shareholders has increased by 31% compared with last year and earnings per share have risen by 17%. A substantial improvement in taxation and structural efficiency has enhanced this performance.

The second interim dividend has effectively been increased by 17% as a maintained dividend of 4.0 pence per share has been declared on an increased share capital following the 1 for 6 capitalisation issue.

The performance of the Group's United Kingdom companies has been strong with particularly good contributions being made by the hotel, motor distribution and printing and publishing activities.

Overseas, the Princess Hotel Group, which has recently acquired the Marquis Hotel, a deluxe award winning hotel in Palm Springs, has reported an increase in sterling profits for the first half year compared with 1987.

The substantial expansion of the Group's gold and platinum mining activities continues with current annual output in excess of 800,000 ounces of gold and platinum group metals. The Group is thus in a good position to benefit from the prevailing enhanced prices in gold and platinum. The mining programme for the future is on target to achieve well in excess of one million ounces production of metals by 1990.

The Group balance sheet remains strong with cash balances and unused facilities of over £1,000 million.

We expect that trading for the full year will certainly exceed that of last year.

Following the interest expressed on the subject at the last Annual General Meeting, the Directors intend next year to offer shareholders the option to take shares in lieu of cash in respect of dividends. This proposal will be subject to the approval of shareholders at the next Annual General Meeting.

Yours sincerely,
Tony Rowland

9 June 1988

The unaudited results of the Lonrho Group of companies in respect of the six months ended 31 March 1988 are as follows:—

	6 months to 31 March 1988 £m	6 months to 31 March 1987 £m
Turnover	**1,430.8**	1,370.2
Profit before tax	**80.4**	76.1
Tax	**30.2**	35.2
	50.2	40.9
Minority interests	**2.8**	4.8
Profit attributable to shareholders before extraordinary items	**47.4**	36.1
Earnings per share	**10.8p**	9.2p

Notes
1. The Group's share of the turnover of associates was £283.8m (1987—£272.4m) and is excluded from the above.
2. Profit before tax includes profits from associates of £18.4m (1987—£17.2m).
3. Tax charge: because of the incidence of accelerated tax allowances, the tax charge provided at the half year can only be estimated.
4. Earnings per share have been adjusted for the capitalisation issue on 22 April 1988.
5. Extraordinary profits—£0.5m (1987—charges £4.0m).

Dividend
The Board has declared a second interim dividend of 4.00p (1987—4.00p) per share for payment on 3 October 1988 to shareholders on the Register at 2 September 1988. This dividend is in addition to the first interim dividend of 1.00p (1987—1.00p) per share declared on 28 January 1988 and paid on 6 April 1988. The cost of the first and second interim dividends amounts to £21.5m (1987—£18.0m).

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Electrocomponents plc

The Major Electronic and Electrical Distribution Group

Results to 31st March 1988

20th successive year of record profits

Sales up 28% to £311m

Pre-tax profits up 15% to £46·7m

Earnings per share up 15% to 14·7p

Dividend for year up 18% to 4·37p

"We are well positioned in our markets and trading conditions are generally favourable. We look forward to another year of progress."

Tony Chubb, Chairman

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Cable Wireless (aa)	Electricals	
2	Wintrust	Banks,Discount	
3	Phoenix Timber	Building,Roads	
4	Fitzwilton	Industrials E-K	
5	Wade Potteries	Industrials S-Z	
6	Br Aerospace (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
7	Deutsche Bank	Banks,Discount	
8	Barclays (aa)	Banks,Discount	
9	Tibbet & Britten	Drapery,Stores	
10	Parkdale	Property	
11	Fobel	Industrials E-K	
12	Hepworth	Industrials E-K	
13	Bellway	Building,Roads	
14	Westmex	Industrials S-Z	
15	Leigh	Chemicals,Plas	
16	Bassett Foods	Foods	
17	Bulgin (AF) "A"	Electricals	
18	Ropner	Industrials L-R	
19	Olives Paper	Paper,Print,Adv	
20	Chrysalis	Leisure	
21	Reckitt Colman (aa)	Industrials L-R	
22	Turriff	Building,Roads	
23	Ashley (Laura)	Drapery,Stores	
24	Hogg Robinson Plc	Drapery,Stores	
25	Amec	Building,Roads	
26	Billam (J)	Industrials A-D	
27	Auto Sec	Electricals	
28	Gerrard Nat	Banks,Discount	
29	Dunbilt	Drapery,Stores	
30	Assoc Paper	Paper,Print,Adv	
31	Estates Gen	Property	
32	Farnell Elect	Electricals	
33	Lee (Arthur)	Industrials L-R	
34	Hunting P S	Oil,Gas	
35	Whitecroft	Industrials S-Z	
36	Br Syphon	Industrials A-D	
37	Allied Lon	Property	
38	RHM (aa)	Foods	
39	EIS	Industrials E-K	
40	Concentric	Industrials A-D	
41	Zetters Gp	Leisure	
42	Waddington (J)	Paper,Print,Adv	
43	Ntlm Foods (aa)	Foods	
44	Power Corp	Property	

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BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
444	337	Allied Lyons (aa)	420	423	+6	17.3	4.1	11.0
667	746½	Bass (aa)	680	685	..	26.9	3.9	12.8
58	42	Bellhaven	44	46	..	1.4	3.1	13.2
155	127	Boddington	150	153	..	5.4	3.6	15.7
207	152	Buckleys	162	170	+2	4.4	2.7	14.2
183	147	Burmah Int Pl	170	180	..	8.2	4.6	12.7
155	129	Burtonwood Brew	145	152	+1	4.0	2.7	24.1
366	302	Chas (Matthew)	358	360	-2	13.7	3.8	12.1
357	296	Dewhurst (JA)	348	350	-4	4.1	1.2	31.1
221	176	Greenall Whitley	213	217	..	8.3	3.9	12.2
296	226	Greene King	260	270	-1	9.3	3.5	23.9
336	271	Gtech (aa)	328	332	-4	12.6	3.8	18.9
710	555	Hanes & Hansons	700	720	..	26.5	4.2	13.3
128	76	Highland Dist	119	122	..	3.5	2.9	18.9
275	167	Invergordon Distl	255	275	-1	7.9	2.9	16.3
320	175	Irish Dist	310	318	..	..	..	..
132	110	Marston Thompson	120	123	+1	3.9	3.2	12.5
518	462	Morland	508	518	..	18.9	2.1	20.5
358	275	SA Breweries	318	330	..	..	..	..
227	206	Scot & Newc (aa)	208	212	+1	11.3	3.5	17.2
584	480	Vaux Group	560	565	+4	21.6b	3.8	17.2
318	271	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	298	300	+2	14.1	4.7	10.2
410	295	Do B	380	388	+10	13.7	3.5	14.0
343	274	Whitbread Inv	339	347	+3	15.3	4.4	19.9
403	350	Wolverhampton & D	395	405	..	8.2	2.1	17.0
440	345	Young A	430	438	+5	12.0	2.7	15.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
270	142	Abbey	260	270	..	..	..	..
409	314	Amec	390	395	+5	17.8	4.5	11.1
458	348	Anglia Sec	438	453	+3	34	7.5	26.2
55	38	Anglo Utd	41	45	..	1.4	3.2	81.5
155	90	Anwycrete	123	138	..	4.2	3.3	8.2
254	180	Ashtenuts	217	222	..	8.8	4.0	9.2
309	245	BPB Ind (aa)	283	287	+2	9.6	3.4	12.3
328	249	Baggeridge Brick	308	318	..	10	3.2	23.1
85	53	Bailey (Nem) Consts	70	73	..	1.9	2.6	14.9
216	170	Barratt Devs	203	207	+1	12.0	5.8	7.4
208	181	Bellway	195	197	+2	11.0	4.2	12.8
113	85	Bellwinch	107	107	+2	3.8	2.8	9.4
384	258	Bewsley Gp	337	347	-1	3.6	1.1	15.8
112	83	Bird Brds	105	115	..	4.2	3.7	12.5
400	320	Blackleys	365	415	+10	8.9	2.3	21.3
465	403	Blue Circle (aa)	453	460	+3	29.6	4.9	8.3
353	314	Boot (Henry)	348	355	+1	19.3	5.5	8.1
256	167	Brewton PLC	248	250	..	8.7	4.3	10.4
181	109	Br Dredging	156	162	-1	6.9	4.3	24.6
148	126	Bryant	144	146	..	4.4	3.0	17.2
134	105	CRH	133	135	..	..	..	..
115	107	Calvebread Robey	112	112	..	5.1	4.8	17.5
337	258	Caradon	332	340	+2	10.7	3.2	12.6
140	102	Church Charles	115	120	+6	3.4	2.9	12.1
385	295	Cantor Grp	355	355	-5	7.5	2.2	11.8
150	113	Copson PLC	135	135	..	2.4	1.7	10.7
356	256	Costain	315	316	+5	13.2	4.2	13.0
318	203	Countryside	298	308	-2	3.0	1.0	14.8
230	185	Crest Nicholson	215	219	+3	7.8	3.6	10.9
110	73	Crosby James	103	106	..	2.4	2.3	..
279	229	Douglas. (Robt)	259	272	..	4.3b	1.6	21.1
76	58	Emth	92	97	..	4.1	4.3	12.8
303	175	Federated Hog	288	293	..	6.9	2.4	10.3
100	75	Finlan Gp	93	97	-2	5.2b	5.6	15.2
69	59	Galleony	64	66	..	2.9	4.5	15.5
240	210	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	235	245	..	3.8	1.5	31.4
360	305	Gleeson (MJ)	355	365	-5	9.5	2.6	11.4
250	205	Hamson Ind	220	230	+8	7.3	3.2	15.2
378	329	Henderson	368	377	..	7.3	1.9	19.9
140	109	Hewden-Stuart	135	137	+1	3.4	2.5	11.6
321	259	Heywood Williams	288	296	+3	13.0	4.4	10.7
362	291	Higgs & Hill	343	351	+8	12.3	3.5	10.2
91	67	How Gp	76	78	..	4.1	5.2	10.0
70	52	Howard Hdgs	57	58	+1	1.9	3.3	9.8
194	141	Ibstock Johnsen	162	165	+7	5.5	3.4	10.7
180	87	Jarvis (J) & Sons	161	168	-5	5.6	3.5	9.2
332	270	Lang (J)	330	333	+6	9.6	2.9	9.8
322	270	Do A	320	333	+6	9.6	2.9	9.8
173	111	Lawrence (Walter)	170	173	+10	6.5	3.8	10.8
49	38	Lilley (FJC)	45	45	+1	..	..	12.0
268	218	Lovell (YJ)	260	263	+1	6.9	2.9	12.0
263	196	Mc Alpine (Sam)	241	243	+1	8.6	3.4	16.3
201½	147½	Manders	201	205	5	+5½	3	22.5
162	129	Manley	143	147	+1	6.9	4.8	10.1
363	336	Marshalls (Halifax)	338	343	..	7.2	2.1	22.5
101	78	Maunders (J)	94	97	+1	2.9	3.0	15.6
509	418	McAlpine (Alfred)	413	423	-2	21.9	5.2	8.4
497	435	McCarthy & S	439	438	-4	5.7	1.3	13.1
388	341	Meyer Int	362	362	+8	8.9	2.5	13.6
338	56	Miller (Stanley)	375	385	+12	23.6	6.2	9.9
438	347	Mowlem (John)	375	380	..	23.6	6.2	9.9
16	7½	MSM	9½	10	..	..	..	..
14½	10½	Newarthill	14¼	15½	..	19.2	13	37.0
187	172	Newman Tonks	178	182	..	10.6	5.9	13.1
191	110	Rossmoor	165	170	+4	3.4	2.1	11.6
105	86	Phoenix Timber	97	100	+4	3.4	3.4	11.6
745	715	Pochin	720	730	+4	21.8	3.1	7.9
497	422	RMC Gp (aa)	482	492	+6	11.2	2.3	15.4
199	82	Rank Ind	98	99	+1	3.7	3.8	14.1
447	388	Redland (aa)	407	410	+2	21.1	5.2	9.5
231	218	Ruberoid	218	222	..	5.8	2.6	15.9
268	172	Rugby Group	237	240	5	+2	5.7	2.6
257	223	Sandell Perkins	237	240	+2	6.3	2.6	15.6
242	171	Sharp & Fisher	230	240	+2	5.5	2.3	13.7
135	108	Smart (J)	132	137	+2	3.7	2.7	20.1
352	283	Sneddy	338	342	..	12.7	3.7	11.0
288	213	Tarmac (aa)	283	287	+11	9.9	3.1	10.2
487	357	Taylor Woodrow	465	467	+11	14.0	3.1	14.6
318	230	Tilney Group	286	375	..	12.6	3.4	11.1
352	309	Travis & Arnold	337	345	+1	8.9	2.6	15.6
173	103	Trent	168	171	..	4.1	2.4	13.7
201	169	Tunnit	195	203	5	+3	1.1	38.2
215	155	Vibroplant	205	775	+2	17.1	2.2	12.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
144	106	Allied Colloids	130	132	+1	3.1	2.4	14.7
505½	441	Amersham	446	453	+1	13.3	2.9	13.8
154	130	BTP	143	150	+1	7.9	5.4	15.8
92½	79½	Bayer DM50	90½	..	..	..	..	..
183	145	Bayer	165	171	+2	10.5	6.3	13.2
147	116	Brent Chems	143	148	+2	7.1b	4.9	13.2
206	169	Cannaq (W)	200	204	+1	7.3	3.6	16.3
134	105	Coalite	307	311	+1	13.1	4.2	9.9
365	295	Croda	315	322	..	10	3.1	28.0
29	21	Cory (Horace)	25	27	..	1.3	5.2	9.6
213	173	Croda	193	195	+1	12.3	6.7	12.1
188	148	Ellis & Everard	165	167	..	6.1	3.6	14.9
178	149	Enodo	168	172	+2	14.5	5.5	10.2
283	205	Fisons-Minsap	223	228	+12	9.7	4.3	10.1
255	226	Halstead (James)	230	238	..	9.7	4.3	10.1
184	136	Hickson	180	183	+1	7.0	3.8	11.8
89½	78½	Hoechst DM50	85½	..	..	..	..	..
119½	94½	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	107½	107½	..	56.2	5.4	9.7
424	350	Laporte (aa)	410	412	+3	19.4	4.0	11.5
256	158	Leigh	248	250	+4	6.3	2.5	38.0
181½	12	Norsk Hydro	18¼	18¾	..	..	..	..
164	130	Prest	160	165	+1	3.1	1.9	18.5
295	195	Rostrevor Hdgs	270	280	+1	5.8	2.0	26.3
207	172	Rentokil	190	193	..	4.5	2.3	16.9
174	121	Scholefield Speakman	135	143	..	..	..	..
253	210	Wolverhampton Park	215	225	..	14.0	4.3	10.8
252	213	Yorkshire Chem	228	233	+3	8.6	4.3	9.8
125	105	Yule Catto	118	123	+3	4.1	3.4	11.9

CINEMAS, TV

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
183	150	Anglia TV 'A'	165	170	+1	8.0	4.8	23.5
568	447	Central TV	545	563	+6	30.1	5.3	7.2
415	315	Ecosse	315	335	..	3.4	1.0	7.2
215	153	HTV Group	215	233	..	14.1	6.4	6.6
153	157	LWT Hdgs	153	157	-1	8.1	5.2	9.6
378	282	Scot TV	378	382	..	23.1	6.1	9.2
338	326	Thames TV	338	346	..	17.1	5.2	8.9
364	261	TVS	364	368	..	18.8	5.1	7.5
277	228	TSW	277	283	-1	17.6	6.4	8.8
195	152	Tyne Tees TV	195	199	..	11.5	5.8	8.7
93	62	Ulster TV	78	83	..	5.5	6.8	8.7
175	165	Yorkshire TV	175	182	..	10.7	6.0	7.1

DRAPERY, STORES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
406	337	Alexon	398	402	+1	8.9	2.2	17.6
83	31	Amber Day	79	82	..	..	..	..
67	62	Aquascutum 'A'	64	..	..	4.1	6.4	15.7
136	110	Ashley (Laura)	124	127	+4	2.7	2.1	17.3
385	340	Austin Reed	375	385	..	11.6	3.0	21.3
263	198	Bejam	198	198	..	4.2	2.1	15.5
265	148	Beattie (James) 'A'	195	196	+2	5.3	2.7	15.5
203	149	Blantyre	185	188	..	4.3	2.3	14.6
28½	19½	Blacks Leis	19½	21½	..	..	..	..
610	520	Body Shop	610	620	+6	2.1	0.3	66.4
83	68	Bremner	83	88	..	1.0	1.1	20.7
365	307	Brown & Jackson	356	367	+2	8.1	2.2	17.1
310	280	Brown (N)	307	307	-2	10.4	4.5	11.5
203	170	Burton (Aa)	193	193	-2	5.4	2.8	21.9
83	63	Cantors 'A'	78	83	..	2.9	3.6	9.3
93	68	Casket plc	68	92	..	1.6	2.2	13.7
455	415	Chelsea	430	450	..	15.6	3.5	8.0
258	219	Coats Viyella (aa)	231	235	+1	11.9	5.1	8.0
185	155	Courts (Furn) 'A'	175	182	..	7.1	4.0	17.1
545	480	DAKS Simpson 'A'	500	510	-10	12.6	2.5	11.6
54	40	Dewhirst (JJ)	50	51	..	1.6	3.0	9.7
197	155	Dixons Grp (aa)	185	187	+3	5.6	3.0	9.5
214	164	Dunnell	203	210	+3	3.6	1.7	15.2
98	61	ERA Gp	88	92	..	3.4	3.8	13.2
113	55	Ellis & Goldstein	100	110	..	1.8	1.8	19.0
725	595	Elys (Wimbledon)	650	700	-18	15.0	2.4	17.5
247	204	Empire Stores	243	248	+2	7.1	2.9	30.5
266	251	Etam	270	275	+2	8.2	3.0	14.0
345	288	Fine Art Dev	335	338	..	9.2	2.7	13.9
325	270	Formerstar	305	305	..	10.2	3.3	10.0
61	50	Gent SR	58	60	..	2.3	3.8	16.3
210	167	Goldberg (A)	205	209	..	7.3	3.5	17.1
17½	15½	Gus 'A'	16	17	..	34.9b	..	17.1
11½	9½	Do 'A' (aa)	10½	10¾	..	34.9	..	17.1
175	121	Harris Queensway	156	158	-1	7.7	4.9	38.0
48	33	Hollins Plc	35	38	..	2.2	5.9	11.8
278	187	Hoog Robinson plc	208	212	+3	4.9	2.3	18.1
67	57	Hollas	65	65	..	3.7	5.1	14.1
212	175	House Of Lerose	196	206	..	13.7	6.7	11.5
62	50	Leslie Wise Gp	58	59	..	14.5	13.3	23.6
11½	10½	Liberty	11	11½	..	3.9	34.9	14.0
180	165	Marks Spencer (aa)	171	173	-1	6.6	4.0	14.1
344	244	Marcnes (John)	348	353	-1	8.0	2.3	11.5
10½	8½	Moss Bros	9½	9½	..	0.4	4.2	12.5
247	197	Next	242	242	-1	17.1	3.8	15.2
450	340	Oliver (G)	435	435	-5	18.1	4.2	15.1
135	108	Peretz	132	134	..	5.5	2.2	21.9
125	104	Preedy (Alfred)	120	122	+2	6.9	2.5	11.3
217	219	Rainers Group	210	215	+2	8.9	2.5	..
188	133	Do Pf	160	165	+2	8.9	2.5	..
96	64	S & U Stores	88	91	-1	6.1	5.1	11.0
141	115	Sears (aa)	118	121	-1	11.5	4.1	13.8
337	275	Smith (WH) 'A' (aa)	276	280	..	13.5	4.8	14.9
56	50½	Do 'B'	56	57	..	2.3	3.8	14.9
280	200	Sock Shop	260	265	+1	2.3	0.8	48.2
310	168	Stanley (AG)	308	311	+3	5.1	1.6	11.1
237	92	Stead & Simpson 'A'	232	238	..	11.7	4.8	12.4
293	216	Stanebouse (aa)	291	293	..	..	..	16.7
14	9½	Sunmanguard	12	13	+½	..	..	..
71	41	Sumner Int	71	71	+1	..	..	..
182	130	T & S Stores	170	180	..	2.9	1.7	18.4
262	200	Tibbet & Britten	260	263	+3	6.2	2.4	22.2
151	114	Tie Rack	113	115	..	2.7	1.4	43.0
211	153	Time Products	196	200	..	6.1	3.1	10.9
150	109	Underwoods	133	137	-1	3.6	2.6	25.5
181	120	Vivel	170	175	+1	3.6	2.0	26.6
345	289	Ward White	332	332	+2	12.0	4.1	9.5
273	208	Wickes	268	268	..	14.0	5.2	24.4
230	158	Wilding Office	218	228	..	4.5	2.0	19.6
135	98	Windsmoor	130	140	..	4.3	3.2	16.0
309	250	Woolworth (aa)	282	286	+3	12.3	4.2	8.7

ELECTRICALS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
448	340	AB Electr	405	415	..	18.5	4.5	17.2
111	81	ASD Kent	90	95	+2	..	..	..
120	87	Admiral Comp	109	114	+1	4.0	3.6	14.0
118	88	Alba	108	108	..	6.0	5.7	13.5
315	217	Alphameric	307	317	..	5.1	1.6	19.5
211	113	Amstrad (aa)	209	211	+11	1.2	0.6	13.2
116	93	Apricot Computers	108	112	+1	3.4b	3.0	12.1
170	110	Arlen	130	137	..	..	..	..

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
448	343	Atlantic Comp	358	363	+3	9.6	2.7	8.6
107	77	Audio Fidelity	103	130	f	0.7	0.6	9.9
263	222	Avon Ser	240	245	+6	10	4.2	15.1
64	35	Bracken Gp	38	43	+3	0.7	1.7	..
45	32	Bennett & Fountain	35	37	+1	1.0	2.8	18.4
352	301	BICC (aa)	323	327	+1	17.8	5.5	14.9
91	62	BSR	72	79	+2	3.0	4.3	19.1
186	133	Bush	181	188	+1	5.8	3.1	13.4
121	85	Barland	110	117	+5	..	..	..
194	149	Bowthorpe	155	161	..	4.5b	2.8	12.1
218	173	Britannia Security	192	208	+7	6.7	3.4	16.1
268	220	Br Telecom (aa)	241	243	+2	12.1	5.0	11.6
24	13	Brokers (Af) 'A'	17	20	+4	0.1	0.5	32.3
200	191	CAP Group	195	201	+4	3.5	0.9	28.6
104	53	CASE	89	95	..	0.1	0.1	7.8
389	313	Cable Wireless (aa)	353	355	+6	6.0	2.2	18.2
245	193	Cambridge Elec	233	238	+8	11.6	4.9	11.7
56	34	Cambridge Instr	50	51	+1	1.0	2.0	5.5
65	47	Chloride	48	50	+1	2.6	5.3	13.4
237	200	Cray Elect	207	217	+1	3.7	1.7	12.8
183	141	Cryostatic	160	164	+1	3.8	2.3	12.4
62	50	DDT Group	55	57	-1	1.6	2.8	10.1
169	75	Data Elec	95	98	-1	5.1	5.3	18.8
63	38½	Dewhurst	56	61	..	1.9	3.2	13.3
96	37½	Do 'A'	47	52	+1	1.9	3.8	13.3
348	278	Domino	292	292	+4	10.3	3.5	14.1
64	53	Downing & Mills	61	64	+1	2.5	4.0	15.5
214	117	Dubilier	185	192	..	4.1	2.2	10.3
231	176	Electrocomponents	214	218	..	5.3	2.5	16.9
128	97	Elec Data Process	118	117	..	3.5	3.0	16.3
169	75	Electronic Mach	88	92	+1	2.1	2.3	18.1
456	367	Emess	446	453	..	11.0	2.4	16.9
300	267	Eurotherm	295	295	+3	6.2	2.1	16.8
152	112	FKI Babcock (aa)	127	130	+1	4.8	3.7	12.5
181	147	Farnell Elect	166	166	+4	5.8	3.5	17.2
91	76	Ferranti Int (aa)	78	80	+1	3.7	4.6	17.8
69	50	Forward Tech	57	62	..	1.4	2.4	9.8
159½	142	GEC (aa)	146	147	+1	7.7	5.2	9.4
343	225	Gresham Lemon	225	228	26b	11	4.8	15.6
771	46	Highland Elect	65	68	..	3.4	5.1	9.9
205	195	Hollis Bros Gp	197	202	+2	3.2	1.6	25.3
66	50	Hollis Bros Gp	57	58	..	3.2	5.5	..
210	150	James Gibson	170	190	..	7.2	4.0	11.8
385	328	Kode	365	375	..	12.5	3.3	10.3
372	250	Lec Refrigeration	353	356	-2	18.5	5.0	10.3
53	36	Lee Cooper	53	56	..	..	..	..
325	237	Logica	315	322	+2	2.6	0.8	26.4
398	356	Lucas Ind	398	398	..	21.0	5.3	9.2
327	246	Lucas 4	250	255	-1	13.2	5.2	9.2
63	46	Lucas Varity	63	64	-1	3.4	5.3	9.2
473	288	Microfem Repro	465	480	+5	4.3	0.9	46.7
140	116	Micro Focus	140	150	+2	..	..	19.1
188	85	Micrognon	163	168	+2	7.5	2.8	16.5
115	120	Mitel	115	120	..	..	..	..
79	43	Molins	50	57	+½	2.1b	3.8	41.4
79	43	Molins Elect	50	57	..	2.1b	3.8	41.4
315	230	Morgan Crucible	305	310	+5	19.6	6.1	9.3
253	253	Newmark (Louis)	315	330	..	7.0b	2.7	29.8
110	88½	NEI	89	93	..	7.0b	7.7	29.8
122	65	NMW Comp	86	89	..	3.6	4.0	19.1
112	83	Oleo	101	108	+1	5.8	5.1	13.2
248	199	Oxford Instruments	235	237	+3	3.6	1.5	15.4
212	135	P-E International	197	203	..	4.9	2.4	14.4
69	47½	Penn	54	57	..	2.5	4.4	33.6
190	115	Micro Home Loans	120	125	..	..	..	..
160	122½	Do 8pPf	120	125	..	..	..	..
67	53	Newmarket	57	62	..	..	..	..
1287½	795	Philips Fin 9¾%	1210	1260	+10	1.3	0.7	21.7
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Lifeline)				
Gilt & Fixed	111.8	119.3e	+0.1	8.34
Hi Inc Equity	118.6	126.1	+1.2	4.72
Worldwide Bd	185.7	197.4e	+0.4	4.91
American Gth	147.9	157.3	+3.5	1.30
Asian Pacific	97.5	71.8	+0.2	1.16
Assets & Earns	139.8	148.6e	+0.1	1.84
Capital Res.	79.0	79.4	..	3.78
Comm Energy	180.8	107.2	-0.2	0.99
Euro Capital	99.9	74.3	+0.2	1.01
General	105.5	176.0	+1.3	2.56
Japan	97.9	104.1	+1.5	..
UK Gth Inc	127.0	135.1	+1.2	2.18
Do Acc	186.7	198.6	+1.8	2.18
US Emerg Co	42.8	45.5	+0.4	0.90
Income Gth	253.9	269.1e	+1.6	3.53
Master Acc	73.1	77.7e	+0.7	2.33
American Inc	42.5	45.2	+0.5	6.06
Ethical Tst	42.0	44.6e	+0.3	2.80
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633276				
20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 6801				
UK Growth	31.2	33.2	+0.2	3.16
N Amer Inc	24.3	25.8	+0.4	4.83
World Gth	39.7	42.2e	+0.4	1.13
Extra Inc	180.0	40.4e	+1.3	4.68
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	39.2	41.8	+1.0	2.21
Amer Extra Inc	34.9	37.2e	+0.6	6.12
Australian	24.7	26.3	+0.2	1.29
Euro Tst	42.5	45.3	+0.6	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.6	25.2e	..	9.48
Global Income	36.0	38.3	+0.5	5.04
Hi Income	16.7	17.2e	+0.1	5.45
Income Growth	66.1	70.4	+0.7	4.24
International	83.9	89.3	+1.0	0.80
Japan Gen	167.3	178.0	+2.4	0.01
Special Sits	62.8	67.5	+0.6	1.30
Formerly Allenbe UT Managers				
Japan Far East	69.3	73.8	+1.0	1.42
International	66.8	73.1	+0.8	2.06
Do Acc	89.3	95.5	+0.8	2.06
Hi Income	55.8	59.4	+0.5	5.64
Fund Invest	96.8	102.6	+0.7	2.47
Do Acc	146.3	155.5	+1.1	2.47
UK Growth	71.4	76.0	+0.2	1.76
N American	40.7	43.2	+0.9	1.43
Swiss Balanced	36.9	41.3	..	3.72
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6464				
Euro Gth Acc	103.2	110.7	+0.3	1.09
Exempt	283.8	415.2e	+3.7	4.62
Exempt Inc	215.9	222.1	+2.7	4.62
Fin & Prop	81.4	86.2	+0.8	2.46
Hi Yield	74.2	78.6	+0.8	4.88
Income & Gth	303.1	321.1e	+3.2	4.45
Inst Exempt	179.4	190.1e	+1.7	4.45
Int Gth Inc	67.6	93.3	+1.0	0.24
Japan Gth Acc	158.7	169.8e	+2.1	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	109.4	117.7	+2.9	2.71
Preference Inc	131.7	139.5e	..	7.48
Smi Co Div Inc	95.1	100.7	+0.7	4.36
Smi Co Gth	279.3	295.9	+1.3	1.82
Spec Sits Inc	154.3	142.9e	+1.2	1.46
UK Growth	376.4	398.7e	+3.6	3.27
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL. Tel: 0793 36291 dealings:0793 616966				
High Income	307.5	315.4	+2.9	4.70
Equity Inc	175.9	188.5	+1.3	4.19
High Yield	173.5	183.9e	+1.3	5.02
Balanced	412.4	437.1e	+3.8	3.37
Amer Inc	27.3	29.1	+0.5	4.16
Amer Acc	25.6	28.3	+0.4	1.06
Fund Ass Val	142.3	153.0	+2.3	0.01
Japan	143.7	153.0	+2.3	0.01
Sec of Amer	181.1	192.9e	+3.3	0.99
Asset Value	274.8	339.7e	+4.2	3.13
Overss Earn	204.5	216.8e	+1.6	3.23
Recovery	98.2	104.1e	+0.8	3.00
UK Spec Sits	256.6	271.3	+2.7	2.95
Sect Co	196.3	176.2	+1.5	4.16
Capital	249.2	264.2	+2.2	3.00
Amer Spec Sit	59.7	63.6	+1.2	1.97
International	90.9	96.8	+1.5	1.82
Growth & Inc	151.6	160.7	+1.3	3.58
Euro Tst	17.4	18.5	..	1.35
Pacific	224.3	238.9e	+3.3	0.20
2nd Smlr Co	189.4	200.8	+1.1	1.83
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5644				
Capital	79.1	84.4	+0.8	3.26
Euro Gth Inc	61.9	65.1	+0.2	1.15
Extra Income	94.4	100.7	+0.5	5.00
General	157.0	178.2	+1.5	3.33
Gilt & Fixed Int	50.0	53.5e	..	9.57
Income Tst	434.2	461.2	+18.7	5.00
Int Income+	48.1	52.4e	+0.4	5.00
Smlr Co Inc	38.4	41.0	+0.2	1.30
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 3000				
American EVS	53.3	56.5	+1.1	0.56
Australia	54.1	57.5	+1.1	0.10
Eastern	72.4	77.2	+1.1	0.10
Equity Inc	67.2	72.0e	+0.4	5.20
Europe	118.1	125.3e	+0.5	0.60
General Tst	57.6	61.1	..	2.20
Growth & Inc	75.6	80.2	+0.7	2.20
Do Acc	117.8	124.9	+1.1	2.20
Global Gth	60.3	63.9	+0.6	0.00
Japan Spec	146.4	155.1	+2.0	0.00
Japan Gen	154.9	164.2	+1.5	0.00
First Europe	101.9	108.1e	+0.5	0.90
First Japan	107.2	114.3	+1.7	0.50
First N Amer	41.6	44.1	+0.4	1.10
First Smlr Co	91.0	96.5	+0.6	1.30
N Amer Spec	39.5	41.9e	+0.9	0.30
UK Growth	58.51	62.24	+0.04	5.25
BROWN SHIPLEY				
1-37, Farringdon Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	157.7	167.2	+1.3	3.91
Smlr Co Acc	286.5	309.8	+1.0	0.82
Do Inc	180.1	195.4	+0.6	0.82
High Income	89.0	95.8	+0.6	5.75
Income	98.9	104.8	+0.8	5.19
Man Portfl Inc	88.4	91.6	+1.4	2.23
Do Acc	146.9	155.7	+2.2	2.23
North American	41.4	47.3	+0.4	1.43
Orient	102.9	109.1e	+0.7	0.10
Exempt	269.1	283.9e	+0.2	2.30
Recovery	63.5	67.3e	+1.0	0.35
Preference	21.9	23.4e	-0.2	1.90
Int Income	24.1	25.5e	+0.2	5.00
Europe	16.2	17.3	+0.1	3.91
Conv General	25.5	26.9e	..	7.00
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT				
Tel: 01-588 2868 01 623 2348				
Emerg Inc	59.4	63.0	..	2.00
Fellowship Inc	58.0	65.4	+0.3	2.00
General Inc 4	253.2	268.9e	+0.8	3.00
Do Acc 4	419.1	444.1e	+1.5	3.00
Income Fd 3	135.6	143.9	+0.7	5.00
Do Acc 3	255.5	271.1	+1.3	5.00
Int. Income 2	119.2	126.5	+0.6	5.00
Do Acc 2	141.8	150.0	+1.0	2.00
Smlr Inc 5	91.5	96.8	-0.3	1.65
Do Acc	99.2	104.9	-0.2	1.65
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL				
Gnt Gl Fxd Int	51.9	52.9	..	1.36
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8875				
Growth	34.1	36.3e	+0.3	2.82
Income	43.6	46.4e	+0.3	4.48
Far East	29.5	31.4e	+0.3	0.20
Nth American	27.0	28.7e	+0.5	0.71
Global	44.3	47.1	+0.3	0.78
European	39.2	41.7	+0.8	1.28
Japan	90.1	95.8	+0.8	0.01
Strategic Opp	50.2	53.4	..	1.48
Do Acc	48.4	51.5	+0.4	3.33
Intl Currency	44.5	47.4	+0.4	5.90
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1DE Tst: ; 01-588 0988				
Capital	395.4	422.0	+4.2	3.19
European S S	49.1	52.4	..	3.11
Far East S S	51.2	54.6	+0.5	0.64
Gold Gen S S	55.0	58.6	+0.5	0.86
Income	347.1	370.5	+3.6	5.09
Int Sp Sits	48.5	51.7	+0.6	1.36
Intl Amer	229.1	241.4	+4.6	1.56
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Pore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Investment		£40.05	..	4.23
Fixed Int		146.15	..	9.78
Deposit		100.0	..	6.25
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Pore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income		414.9	..	5.18
Acc		£13.0335	..	..
Deposit		100.0	..	7.50
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 8822				
Man Retirmt	22.2	23.5	..	..
SC Special Sits	62.1	65.7e	..	0.41
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393				
Amer Gth	19.0	20.2	+0.5	0.28
Asia Gth	22.3	23.7	+0.4	0.82
Dragon Gth	23.3	24.7e	+0.3	1.87
Equity Hi Inc	57.6	61.0e	+0.5	4.79
Do Acc	58.4	61.9	+0.5	4.79
European Gth	25.0	26.5	+0.3	0.62
Gen Equity	48.0	51.0	+0.5	3.93
Gilt Invest Gth	33.3	35.1	..	7.26
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.1	26.5	..	8.57
Intl Income Tst	22.9	24.3e	+0.2	0.00
Japan Gth	48.3	51.2e	+0.6	0.00
Pedigree Gth	28.9	30.6e	+0.2	2.26
Special Sits	36.0	38.2	+0.4	1.84
COMMERCIAL UNION UNIT TRUSTS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-886 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	52.8	56.2e	+0.4	2.78
Do Acc	54.9	58.4e	+0.4	2.78
Income Inc	54.7	58.2e	+0.3	3.75
Do Acc	57.4	61.1e	+0.3	3.75
Worldwide Inc	43.9	46.8	+0.5	0.74
Do Acc	45.2	48.1	+0.5	0.74
Gamma Inc	35.1	37.3	+0.4	1.13
Do Acc	36.2	37.4	+0.3	1.13
Gilt	51.8	54.9	+1.0	9.14
Euro Gth	52.1	55.4	..	1.06
Far East	66.0	70.2	+0.7	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	48.6	51.4	..	8.17
World Bond	48.6	50.8	+0.1	9.65
Pntrsa Inv Pt	48.4	51.4	+0.4	2.34
Profess Inv Pt	50.0	53.2	+0.7	1.33
Progrss Inv Pt	50.0	53.2	+0.7	1.33
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033				
Amer Gth	103.0	109.6	+1.6	0.91
Canadian Gth	20.1	21.4	+0.4	..
European Tst	89.4	95.3e	+0.2	..
Growth Tst	284.1	281.7	+1.7	3.04
High Income	94.1	100.2	+0.6	5.13
Intl Tech Tst	102.6	109.5e	+1.2	..
Investment	26.1	27.8	+0.2	..
Japanese Tst	241.3	257.3	+2.9	..
Man Int	28.7	29.4	+0.2	..
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Reigate, Surrey RH2 9SL Tel: 0737-242434				
European Gth.	31.7	33.3e	+0.6	1.30
Euro Spec Sits	38.2	41.1e	+0.3	1.30
International	47.1	50.7e	+0.7	0.50
N Amer Gth	42.9	46.2e	+0.7	1.00
Pacific Gth	57.1	61.4e	+0.3	0.50
Uk Gn Acc	69.6	74.9	+0.8	0.50
Do Dist	67.2	72.3	+0.7	0.50
UK Income	58.9	63.4	+0.3	4.80
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tst: 0345 090355				
American Fd	56.1	59.8	..	1.68
Capital Fd	125.3	133.1e	..	1.50
Convertible	24.7	26.2e	..	7.54
Eurofund	22.1	24.2	..	1.24
Growth & Inc	177.3	188.4e	..	2.96
High Dist Fd	146.9	156.1e	+0.2	5.12
International	203.5	215.2	..	1.05
Pacific Fd	23.5	25.0	..	0.00
Recoveries Fd	22.7	24.1	..	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	45.8	48.7	..	..
Tokyo Fd	196.3	208.6	..	0.00
Ex Amer 2	114.9	118.1	..	1.93
Ex Amer 3	178.1	185.8	..	1.79
Ex Pacific 4	358.7	366.6	..	0.24
Ex Smlr Jap 4	270.0	277.4	..	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Basic Inc	84.4	89.6e	+0.9	2.71
Do Acc	88.1	93.4e	+1.0	2.57
UK Gth Acc	126.5	134.2e	+1.5	2.05
UK High Inc	95.9	101.7e	+1.0	4.20
N Amer Acc	62.0	66.1	+1.2	1.06
Far East Acc	120.8	128.9	+1.6	0.58
European Acc	67.7	72.3	+0.4	1.43
UK Gt/Fi Inc	56.6	60.1e	..	8.65
Do Acc	65.8	69.8e	..	7.45
Intl Spec Sits	38.5	41.2	+0.6	1.54
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 66968				
Endurance	117.5	125.1	..	1.52
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Equit Pelican	92.6	98.6	+0.6	3.25
High Income	97.0	103.2e	+1.1	4.65
Gt/Fixd Interst	53.0	56.4	-0.1	7.02
Tst Of Inv Tsts	84.1	89.5	+0.6	2.12
Spec Sits Tst	100.0	106.4	+0.9	2.58
Min Interst Tst	54.8	58.3	+0.1	7.56
Far East Tst	118.7	126.3	+1.7	0.32
Intl Gth	53.1	56.5	+0.7	1.56
European Tst	40.0	42.6e	+0.3	1.76
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
Do Inc	146.6	155.9	+1.5	3.26
Higher Inc Acc	328.1	348.0	+3.5	4.39
Do Inc	248.1	263.9	+2.6	4.39
Glbs & Fxd Acc	113.6	119.5	+0.1	8.40
Do Inc	85.1	89.5	+0.1	8.40
N Amer Acc	116.4	123.8	+3.3	0.08
Far East Acc	211.4	224.8	+3.2	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	127.7	135.8	+0.2	1.11
Gen Tst	257.1	273.5	+2.7	3.59
Gilt Exempt	39.5	42.0e	+0.4	9.60
Gr Funds Inc	49.9	53.0	+0.4	5.87
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680				
Gen Sntr Co	57.0	60.5	+1.2	0.76
UK Inc Fd	93.9	99.9	+0.8	4.38
Far East Fd	92.2	98.1	+0.7	0.00
Overseas Inc	57.3	61.0e	+0.7	4.74
Fxd Interest	54.9	58.4	..	9.75
Natural Res Fd	62.1	66.1e	-0.2	1.80
European Inc	61.1	65.0	+1.0	2.32
Financials Fd	45.0	47.9	+0.5	2.59
Intl Tech Fd	104.4	111.1	+2.3	0.00
US Gth	70.2	74.7	+0.4	2.18
US Major	45.5	48.5	+0.6	0.75
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
186, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	66.4	70.7	+0.2	..
Do Inc	64.5	68.7	+0.2	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	29.5	31.4	+0.1	..
Do Inc	27.8	29.6	+0.1	5.80
Inc Gth Acc	57.8	61.5	+0.2	..
Do Inc	50.1	53.3e	+0.2	5.60
Serv Co Acc	68.3	72.7e	+0.2	..
Do Inc	66.7	71.0e	+0.7	0.60
Amer Gth Acc	22.3	23.8	+0.5	..
Do Inc	22.1	23.6	+0.5	1.30
Euro Gth Acc	15.9	17.0	..	2.00
Do Inc	15.8	16.9	..	2.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Rivar Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161				
American	84.8	101.4	..	0.71
Amer Extry Inc	25.3	27.1	..	5.92
Amer Spec Sit	47.1	50.4e	..	0.00
Australia	24.9	26.5	..	2.11
European	54.1	57.9	..	..
European Inc	20.7	22.1	..	4.90
Global Conv	33.0	34.6e	..	5.38
Gt Bnt Inc	29.0	30.4e	..	5.38
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.7	29.9e	..	9.56
Growth & Inc	111.0	119.1e	..	5.08
Japan Spec Sit	78.2	81.6	..	..
Japan	113.4	119.5	..	..
Managed Int	123.0	130.9	..	0.23
Inc Plus	103.4	110.9e	..	4.84
Famous Name	40.7	43.7	..	2.47
Far East	377.3	398.3	..	0.67
Spec Sit	253.2	271.6	..	0.67
Eastern Opps	33.8	25.4	..	..
Intl Bond	24.0	25.6	..	5.78
Moneybuilder	25.3	27.1	..	3.17
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0HD Tel: 01-626 6181				
Amer Smlr Cos	165.9	175.0	+3.1	..
Do Inc	109.5	178.8	+3.1	..
Amer Tarn Inc	26.2	28.0	+0.2	..
Do Acc	200.4	211.4c	+5.0	..
Capital Inc	268.1	280.8	+1.2	2.30
Do Acc	328.9	346.1	+1.4	2.30
Convertible Inc	171.2	181.4c	+0.9	5.44
Do Acc	188.2	157.0c	+1.6	5.44
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Do Acc	55.8	58.9e	+0.6	1.24
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Do Acc	270.2	285.1	+2.1	4.65
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Do Inc	42.3	44.6e	+0.4	1.02
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Int Gth Dist	54.1	57.3e	+0.5	1.31
Do Acc	54.3	57.9e	+0.5	1.31
Nth Amer Dist	104.5	110.6	+0.6	2.21
Do Acc	112.0	118.8	+0.6	2.21
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A SPECIAL REPORT
By Alison Eadie

An insurer which offered rewards for stolen watches in 1688 now underwrites billions

Three centuries of setting records



The birth of the Society of Lloyd's in Pope's Head Alley, in the city of London, 1771: section of a drawing, in the manner of Thomas Rowlandson, specially commissioned by Lloyd's from Richard Willson of *The Times*

Lloyd's of London, the great insurance market, celebrates its tercentenary this year, although the precise date when business started is unknown. The first recorded reference to Lloyd's was made in *The London Gazette* of February 21, 1688, proving that the market is at least 300 years old. *The Gazette* ran an advertisement offering a reward, claimable at Lloyd's Coffee House, for watches stolen from an Edward Bransby.

Edward Lloyd, the founder of Lloyd's Coffee House in Tower Street, in the City, provided a gathering place for wealthy merchants to write insurance business. Lloyd's was just one of several coffee houses, which probably became popular with merchants because it was near the Thames.

Individuals, who came to be called underwriters because they wrote their names under the wording on insurance policies, would insure ships and their cargoes as they sat over cups of coffee. As time went by Lloyd's earned a reputation as the place where shipowners and traders could have their ventures insured by underwriters.

Edward Lloyd provided his customers with pen, ink, paper and shipping information, obtained from the waterfront by runners. In 1696 he published a news sheet called Lloyd's News, the forerunner of *Lloyd's List*, London's oldest daily newspaper, which first appeared in 1734, and still appears every day with shipping, insurance and general business news.

As insurance business prospered, so the market outgrew its origins. A reminder of those origins still exists today through the practice of calling red-coated doormen and staff "waiters". The Society of Lloyd's was born in 1771, when 79 underwriters met in Pope's Head Alley, subscribed £100 each and agreed by ballot to form a committee. The Society of Lloyd's was born in 1771, when 79 underwriters met in Pope's Head Alley, subscribed £100 each and agreed by ballot to form a committee.

The Princess Royal will present the first Lloyd's Tercentenary Foundation Fellowships at a gala *dinner at Lloyd's tonight*

In 1774 the society moved into its own quarters on the first floor of the Royal Exchange and in 1779 a general meeting approved the adoption of a standard Lloyd's policy to replace the more variable policies of the past.

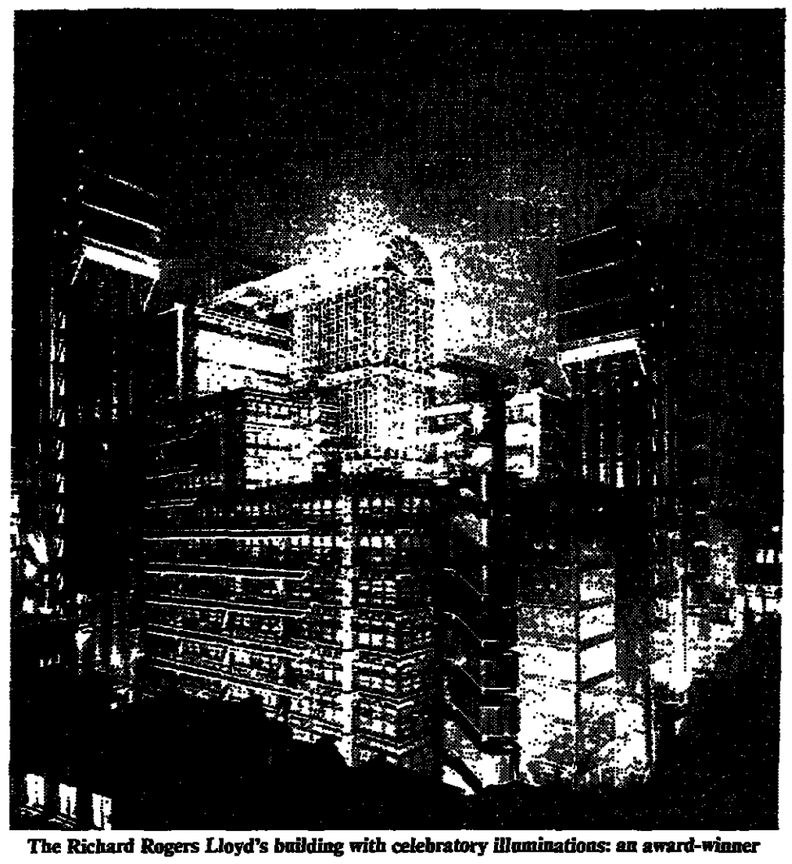
The market obtained its legal foundation in 1871 when the Lloyd's Act incorporated the underwriting members into the society, known from then on as the Corporation of Lloyd's. Five further Acts of Parliament have followed, with the last passed in 1982.

In 1880 Cuthbert Eden Heath joined Lloyd's and revolutionized its business through writing non-marine business. He moved into completely new areas such as burglary insurance at a time when break-ins in London were doubling annually. Though traditonalists in the market were horrified at Heath's unorthodox approach, newcomers were attracted by the prospects of good underwriting rewards. The market moved into new area, aviation, in 1911.

In 1923 Lloyd's had to face the challenge of a syndicate failing with claims of £250,000. A general meeting of members re-affirmed that the policyholder must be protected and every underwriter contributed to pay off the debt. The Lloyd's Central Fund was born as a result of the disaster. It levies a small sum from each member annually to provide a safeguard of last resort for policyholders.

Lloyd's survived the blasts of Hurricane Betsy in 1965, which caused losses per name of £6,000 and led to a drop in membership in 1967 and 1968 after a period of steadily rising membership. But in the 1970s there was a steep rise in the number of names, attracted by good underwriting profits. Today the market has a record premium income of £11.2 billion and a record membership of 33,600.

In the tower of City power



The Richard Rogers Lloyd's building with celebratory illuminations: an award-winner

Lloyd's moved into a new and controversial home of glass and stainless steel in 1986. The £190 million building, designed by the British architect Richard Rogers, has won accolades, awards and abuse.

The "inside-out" superstructure, likened by some to an oil refinery, has won a Civic Trust award and the *Financial Times* Architecture at Work award for 1987.

The theory behind putting the services for the building on its exterior was to create more space inside. The Lloyd's building has eight supporting columns inside the atrium and 20 outside the main walls.

Mr Rogers, the co-architect of the futuristic Centre Pompidou in Paris, was chosen from a list of 40 architects to design a building giving space to an underwriting room three times the size of the existing one and allowing enough flexibility for the market to expand.

In keeping with its ancient traditions, Lloyd's has incorporated parts of its history into the modern building, including the wood-panelled library from its 1928 building and a complete reconstruction of the 200-year-old Adam Room, which was moved piece by piece from the 1958 building across the road.

The building was opened by the Queen in November, 1986. The then chairman of Lloyd's, Peter Miller, said the new building was "in exciting contrast to so much of the boring architecture of the modern City".

He added: "If it is controversial, let it never be said that Lloyd's cannot take a risk." The building has attracted about 400,000 visitors since opening and is a prime tourist attraction for the City of London.

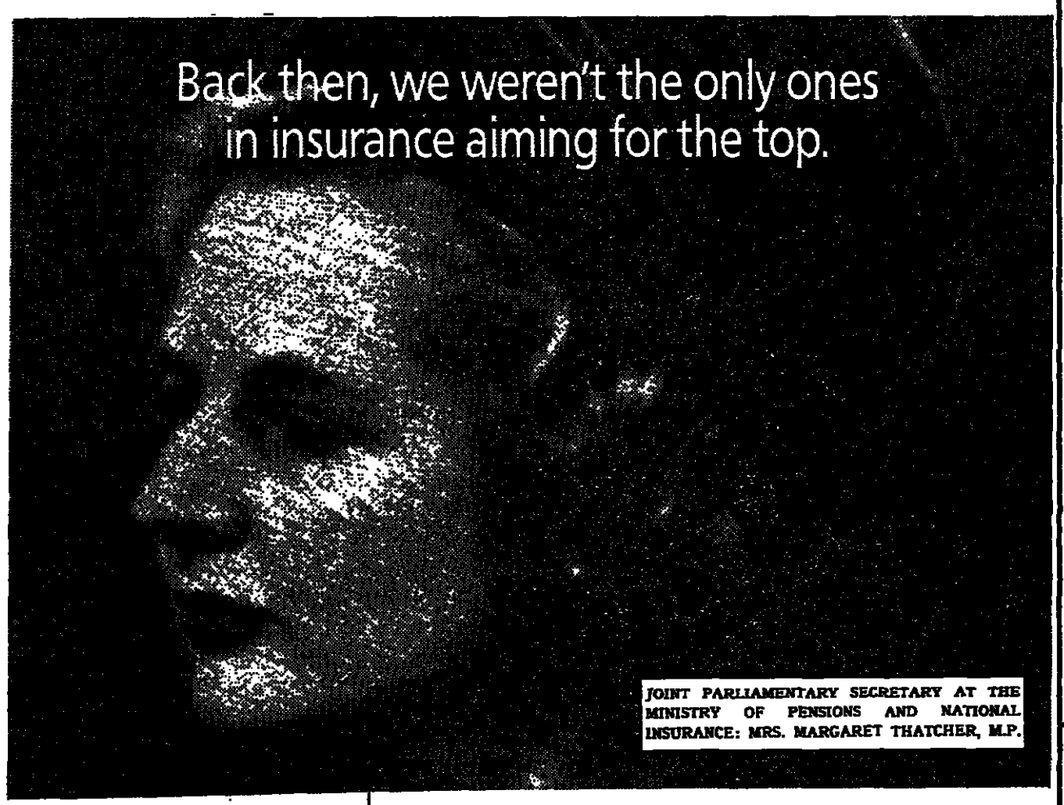
It has been lit up at night for the tercentenary celebrations with 480 separate light fittings. The glass and stainless steel surfaces are bathed in white and blue light, the 200ft south-facing glass atrium is flooded in a warm rose light both inside and out and white beams pick out the external pipework and three main lift shafts.

Those who work at Lloyd's have been some of the fiercest critics of the high-tech building. A *MORI* poll commissioned by the Council of Lloyd's last year revealed that 75 per cent of the people working within the building believed it was a less favourable working environment than the previous building.

The main criticisms included the speed of lifts, eating and entertaining facilities, ventilation and air conditioning and the lack of unity of the four principal market divisions. Suggestions for improvement included installing a coffee house for visiting brokers and putting in closed-circuit television screens on the ground floor to allow brokers to see, without making the journey upstairs, which underwriters were at their boxes. Part of Lloyd's reason for commissioning the poll was fear among the underwriters that the building's drawbacks were causing brokers to visit the company market down the road in preference to placing business at Lloyd's.

Early this year Lloyd's appointed Fitch & Co, the design company, to work jointly with the Richard Rogers Partnership, to modify the interior of the building.

One of the main tasks was to facilitate the quicker movement of people around the building. Lloyd's estimates that between 5,000 and 7,000 people move around the building every day.



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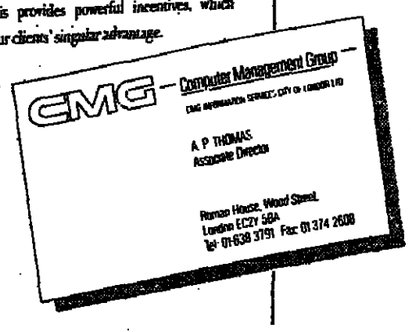
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Des Lee, head of systems and communications for Lloyd's, and right, Murray Lawrence,chairman of Lloyd's

New tech ready for 1992



When Murray Lawrence was elected chairman of Lloyd's to take up office on January 1 this year, he said one of the most important issues facing Lloyd's was to bring the services and systems up to the same high standard as that of the basic underwriting business and to make the best possible use of modern technology.

The London Insurance Market Network was set up on June 10 last year to computerize the market's workings. IBM pipped ICL in the race to provide a system that included electronic mail, electronic data interchange (EDI), an interactive inquiry system linked to Lloyd's database at Chatham, Kent, and eventually related information services and fund transfers. Lloyd's business depends on huge amounts of cash and information travelling around the world. The object of the network is to speed the issuing of policies, speed and make more efficient the payment of claims and cut administrative overhead costs.

Des Lee, head of Lloyd's systems and communications division, is pleased with the progress of the network so far. Forty-five users are hooked up to the EDI system and 140 subscribe to the electronic mail service. The numbers represent about 50 per cent of the market by volume. By the end of the year Mr Lee hopes there will be more than 70 EDI users.

The network is not exclusive to Lloyd's and includes the Institute of London Underwriters, a collection of company insurers, the Policy Signing and Accounting Centre (PSAC), a policy signing bureau whose members include insurance giants such as the Munich Re and Swiss Re, and the Lloyd's Insurance Brokers Committee, which represents the interests of Lloyd's brokers.

Mr Lawrence's remarks about the need to improve systems were set in the context of the underlying problem facing Lloyd's market of a capital base growing faster than the volume of business flowing to the market. Too many prospective names are queueing to join Lloyd's and the underwriters have barely enough profitable business to put the way of their existing names.

The need for more efficient systems is therefore all part of the need to sharpen Lloyd's competitive edge and get it into shape to meet the challenge of 1992, allowing Lloyd's access to a potentially huge market.

A further issue still facing Lloyd's is its relationship with the Inland Revenue. The special investigations unit of the Revenue took a long, hard look at some of the insurance market's arrangements in the early 1980s and decided it did not like them. The upshot was a compromise settlement finalized in October 1985 in which Lloyd's paid the Revenue £42.5 million and £1 million in interest to cover tax connected with the disputed roll-over reinsurance policies.

Lloyd's, though not conceding there was anything wrong with roll-overs where money was channelled to offshore tax havens as reinsurance, has now abandoned them.

The present Revenue interest in Lloyd's syndicates centres on reinsurance to close. Reinsurance to close is the sum paid by names on a syndicate to the names on the syndicate in the succeeding year as a payment for assuming the outstanding liabilities of the year being closed.

Between 20 and 30 Lloyd's syndicates were used by the Revenue as a dry run to test its theories on reinsurance to close in the 1984 year of account. The dry run has just been completed. The real thing therefore will apply to the 1985 year of account, where syndicates have just closed their books.

The Revenue in the past has been suspicious that Lloyd's syndicates have been overcautious in making provisions against potential future losses and have boosted the reinsurance to close as a way of avoiding tax. The latest wave of rising losses on liability business could well change its mind.



Ian Hay Davison, the executive appointed from outside Lloyd's to tighten up regulation and restore public confidence

Big clean-up after millions go missing

In 1982, soon after the passage through Parliament of the Lloyd's Act, a series of scandals erupted which revealed that some highly respected working members of Lloyd's had been systematically defrauding their names. The scandals also revealed the hopeless inadequacy of Lloyd's internal regulation and monitoring.

The two most celebrated were the Howden affair, in which $55 million (about £30 million) was misappropriated from Alexander Howden, the broking and underwriting group, and the PCW affair, in which £39 million was diverted offshore from syndicates run by the PCW managing agent. That affair was laid to rest only a year ago, after a market-wide settlement was hammered out to cover insurance losses of £235 million.

The scandals caused a worried Bank of England to appoint an outside chief executive for the first time in Lloyd's history in to tighten up regulation and restore public confidence. Ian Hay Davison, formerly senior partner of accountant Arthur Andersen, was the choice of Lord Richardson, then Governor of the Bank of England.

Many of the reforms inaugurated under the Davison regime, which lasted from 1983 to 1986, had been mooted in the 1980 Fisher report.

One of the most vital reforms was to require syndicates to produce "true and fair view accounts", bringing the insurance market into line with company law for the first time. The accounts are available for public inspection at Lloyd's.

Other significant reforms included the banning of related party reinsurance, preventing syndicate reinsurances being placed with offshore companies part-owned or controlled by the managing agent of the syndicate, and the banning of baby syndicates, whereby professional underwriters could channel the best business to family and friends.

The reform programme was still underway when the Government, in response to pressure from MPs on both sides of the Commons, appointed Sir Patrick Neill QC, vice-chancellor of Oxford University, to investigate whether there was enough protection for Lloyd's names. The Neill inquiry was launched in January 1986.

Sir Patrick reported in January 1987, with 70 recommendations. His conclusion was that external accountability was better achieved through internal arrangements than by subjecting Lloyd's to an external authority.

The main constitutional recommendation — instantly accepted by Lloyd's ruling council — was to reduce the number of working names on the council from 16 to 12 and to increase the number of nominated members, approved by the Bank of England, from four to eight.

The Government gave Lloyd's until the end of this year to implement the Neill



Sir Patrick Neill QC: investigated Lloyd's procedures

total of 38 recommendations have been accepted by Lloyd's, a further 21 are out for consultation and 11 are being looked at by working parties.

One recommendation for consultation has been given the thumbs-down by the working party which examined it.It is for a mandatory deficit clause for managing agents, which would force them to share in the losses of their syndicates as well as just taking profit commission in the good years. The internal Lloyd's working party, which reported in April this year, proposed there should be a mandatory horizontal deficit clause for members' agents, covering all syndicates across one year of account, but a vertical deficit clause for managing agents, covering one syndicate over several years of account, should be left to the agent's discretion.

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Lloyd's is a significant contributor to the invisible earnings of Britain, last year chipping in about £2 billion to the country's coffers.

It traditionally accounts three years in arrears. The last published accounts for the 1984 underwriting year showed a record profit of £279 million, achieved despite a net loss of £169.7 million on general liability business. Marine business was by far the most profitable, making a profit after investment income of £233.3 million.

Lloyd's writes four main classes of insurance business, divided between marine, non-marine, aviation and motor. It also writes a very small amount of life business. The market developed as a marine insurer and is still reckoned to write about 25 per cent of the world's marine business.

Marine insurance has, historically, been the most profitable, despite the prolonged shipping recession and the low level of energy activity caused by the depressed price of oil. Towards the end of last year fierce rate cutting started in the marine market as new capacity was attracted by the good returns. Although there is a feeling that the worst of the rate cutting may now be over, there is no immediate prospect of a recovery.

Non-marine business has been overshadowed by the problems of American liability business, which includes such areas as industrial disease, notably asbestosis, pollution, medical malpractice and professional indemnity.

Much of the blame for the mounting losses is laid at the door of the American legal system. The contingency system, whereby lawyers can earn up to 70 per cent of the damages awarded to their clients, encourages lawsuits.

Reforms of the system have been mooted, including limiting contingency fees and making unsuccessful plaintiffs pay the defendant's costs. But until such reforms hit the statute books, if they do, insurers have to assume that high awards will continue. The finalizing of Lloyd's syndicate's 1985 accounts, completed this spring, has caused some non-marine insurers to boost their reserves and others to leave open their 1985 accounts because of the uncertainties created by American liability business.

The two worst-hit syndicates are 317/661, run by R.H.M Outhwaite Managing Agencies, and 553, run by CJW (Underwriting Agencies). Syndicate 317/661 is showing a running loss reserve of £262 million as a result of 32 policies, written in 1982.

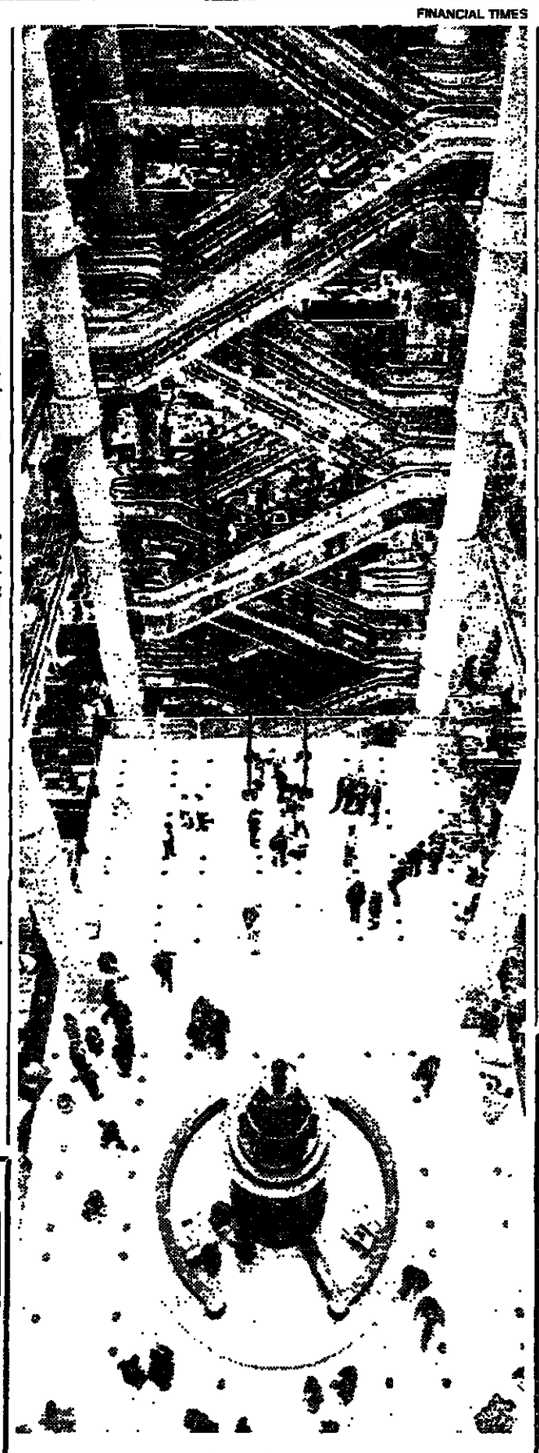
The deterioration has been caused by an increase in the expectation of how many claims may emerge from policies written many years ago covering asbestosis risks and an acceleration in the rate at which American companies are suing their insurers over pollution damage.

In 1980 the federal government decreed that companies responsible for chemical waste damage should pay to have it cleaned up. These companies are now suing their insurers to get them to foot the bill. Although Lloyd's insurers deny that their policies ever covered hazardous waste clean-ups, they feel it is prudent to have some money in reserve.

The global results for 1985, which Lloyd's will announce in September, are expected to show a fall from the 1984 record, largely because of the liability problems. Chatset, a company which specializes in analysing syndicate results, estimates that profits stripped of agents' profit commission will come to around £125 million against £204 million after profit commission in 1984.

Chatset believes 1986 and 1987 will show improvements on 1985, but that the deterioration on former years is "cause for grave and continuing concern".

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The sleeping partners who dare to stake all

Lloyd's business depends on the willingness of a band of wealthy individuals or names to pledge their fortunes to the uncertainties of the insurance market. They act as sleeping partners, allowing their assets to be used as the collateral for underwriting, but taking no part in the business of insurance.

This year 33,600 names subscribed to Lloyd's membership, with 2,600 new names joining at the start of the year. Women and foreigners, both relative newcomers to Lloyd's, are increasing in numbers and Americans, by far the largest body of overseas names, now account for 10 per cent of Lloyd's total capacity.

Lloyd's membership is not for widows and orphans as it involves acceptance of the principle of unlimited liability. In theory a name's entire personal wealth could be eradicated, if the insurance business turned very sour. In practice the theory is rarely tested, but large losses, especially on liability business, are not uncommon.

The minimum wealth requirement for joining is £100,000 free capital, which should exclude the value of the principal residence. Names showing £100,000 can write £250,000 of gross insurance (before reinsurance) and must deposit £50,000 with Lloyd's.

By today's standards the wealth test is no longer onerous and the ruling council of Lloyd's is considering raising both it and the percentage required as a deposit. Any change would not become operative before 1990 at the earliest.

Most financial advisers suggest a much larger cushion of wealth than the minimum, with £250,000 seen as a more sensible starting point. They also advise that assets should be reasonably liquid just in case a hefty cash call is made on names.

Relief only on net losses after investment income

The deposit of 20 per cent of the business written can be in the form of a bank guarantee, leaving the underlying assets to continue earning returns for the name. If the deposit is in the form of gilt-edged stock or cash, the name still receives dividends and interest even though the assets are being used as the basis for underwriting.

The tax advantages of Lloyd's have been severely reduced by the reduction in the top rates of income tax and by other changes in this year's Budget. Lloyd's names used to be able to offset pure underwriting losses against income tax, meaning a former 60 per cent tax payer would never have to pay more than 40 per cent of his losses. The tax relief was allowable regardless of whether investment income wiped out the underwriting loss to produce profit.

The introduction of top rate income tax at 40 per cent reduces the amount of loss relief available. The Budget also proposed to lump the underwriting result and investment income together and tax both as trading profits. Relief will therefore no longer be allowable on pure underwriting losses, but only on net losses after investment income.

New names who made underwriting profits in their first years of membership used to be able to offset the loss against their total income of previous years and in many cases generate a repayment of tax. The repayment helped defray the cash outlay in the first years of membership, including a £3,000 entrance fee.

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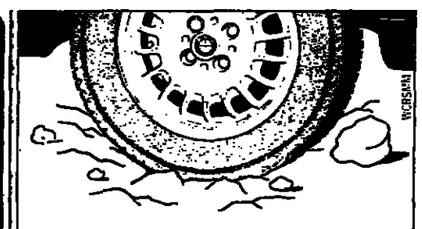
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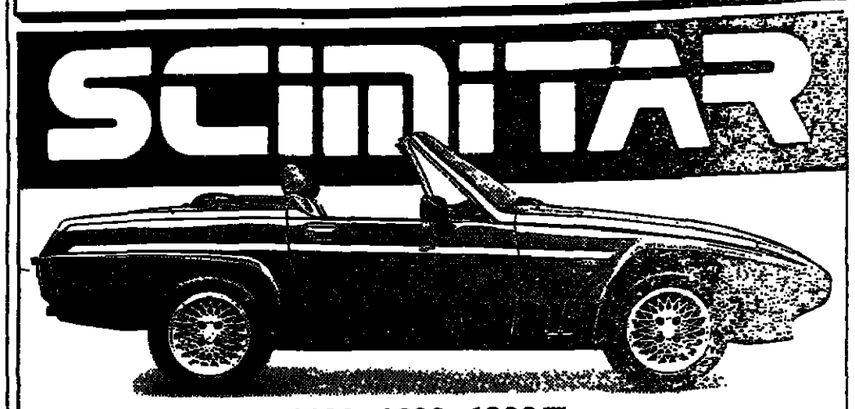
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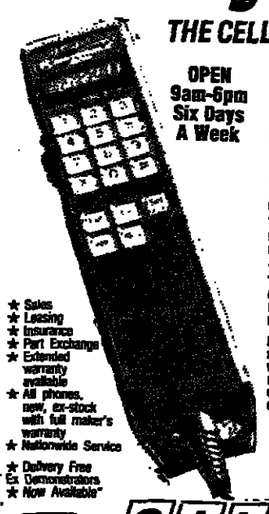
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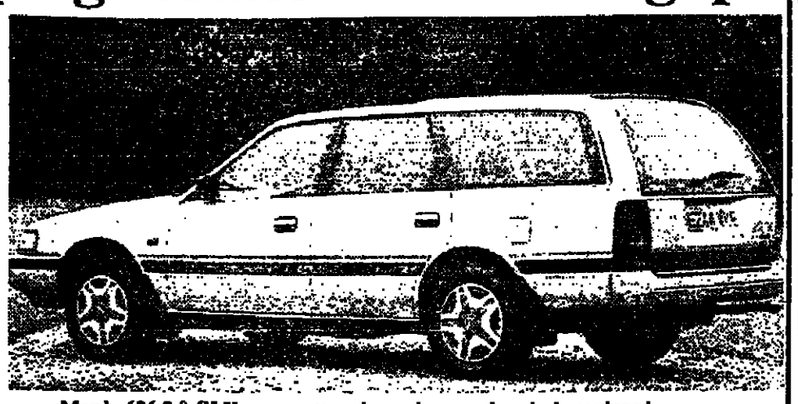
Mazda plugs estate car market gap

Any manufacturer without an estate car in the popular upper-medium sector is excluded from 15 per cent of sales in that sector. This week Mazda Cars UK closed just such a damaging gap in their range with the launch of an estate version of its new 626 saloon.

Cargo space is the name of the game in the estate car business. The Escort sized Mazda 323 estate was not big enough to fit the bill while the biggest car in the Mazda range, the 929, was too cumbersome and dated to have wide appeal. The 323 estate continues but the 929 is dropped.

The newcomer is one of the most attractive of the increasing number of new generation estates reaching British roads. It is also one of the most comprehensively equipped.

The cheapest of the three versions being imported, the 626, 2.0 GLX costing £10,949 has five speeds, central locking, electric windows, tilt steering wheel, centre arm rest and casette case, 60-40 split folding rear seats, a "disappearing" third row seat and a luggage room light (a must for any estate car).



Mazda 626 2.0 GLX estate: attractive and comprehensively equipped

The more lavishly equipped GLX Executive (£12,299) and GLX Executive Auto (£12,899) show clearly that Mazda has set its sights on the top end of the market. There are cheaper competitors for all three but few come as standard with so many desirable extras.

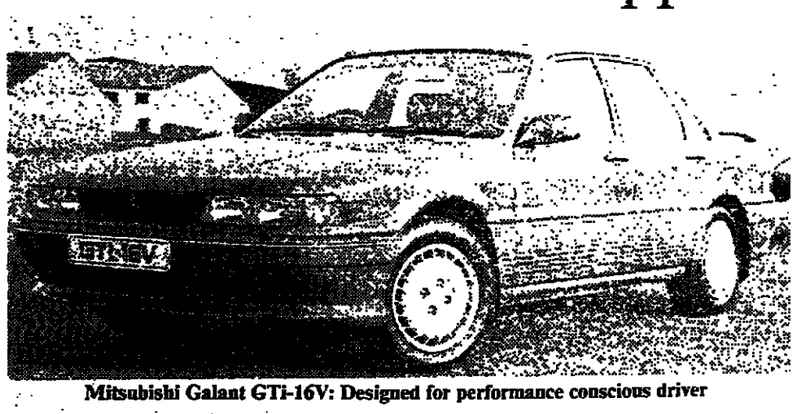
A distinctive feature of all three is the "bump" in the roof. The rear half of the roof is raised to give passengers more head room while retaining the flat floor which gives it class leading luggage space and easy loading.

Other features are the rear door's intrusion into the roof space and a third row of seats to take two children facing rearwards. When not in use it folds into the floor completely flat.

Power comes from a 2 – litre, three-valves-a-cylinder, twin-choke carburetor equipped engine which will run on either leaded or unleaded petrol. I drove all three in Scotland recently and was impressed by the overall quietness of the engine and lack of body noise. Although the suspension has been stiffened to cope with heavier loads the ride is surprisingly smooth.

The gear ratios are well-suited to the engine's characteristics. It will accelerate to 60mph from a standstill in under 11 seconds and top 112mph. Ventilated front and large rear disc brakes from the sporty GTi model are light to operate and powerful.

Galant cashes in on appeal



Mitsubishi Galant GTi-16V: Designed for performance conscious driver

Since it was introduced here only three months ago the new Mitsubishi Galant has increased sales by 70 per cent over the previous model. Two further versions are added today to cash in on its appeal.

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Standard specification includes power steering and central locking on the diesel while the GTi also gets cruise control, electric sun roof and electronic power steering. Additional "goodies" on the optional list include electric windows and sunroof for the diesel and ABS anti-lock brakes for the GTi.

Mitsubishi make some impressive claims for the new 2 litre, double overhead camshaft, 16v engine in the GTi. It is the first DOHC engine to use Needle roller bearings in the rocker arm assembly. Needle bearings have significantly less power loss through friction than conventional bearings. As a result the new engine has better low and mid torque than similar DOHC designs.

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Mercedes' cheaper S-class

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF SHAFTESBURY VINTNERS PLC
Registered office: 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW. Principal Trading Address: 4 Peel House, Barttslot Road, Horsham, W Sussex RH12 1DQ.
Company No: 1937091.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Hill House, 1 Little New St., London, EC4A 3TR, on the 29th June 1988 at 11.30 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986, i.e.:-
1. To consider the Directors' Statement of Affairs.
2. To appoint a Liquidator.
3. To appoint a Liquidation Committee.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must (unless they are individual creditors attending in person) lodge their proxies at the offices of Touche Ross & Co., 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW, no later than 4.00pm on 28 June 1988. Creditors must submit a proof of debt before voting and, unless they have submitted their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value.

The following insolvency practitioner will provide creditors free of charge with information concerning the company's affairs: Christopher Morris of Touche Ross & Co, 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW (Telephone: 01 405 8799: please ask for Miss Y Butler).
Dated this 20th day of May 1988
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Adrian R. Ford - Director

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION No. 003107 of 1988
IN THE MATTER OF MY KINDA TOWN GROUP LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 19th May, 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company as at the 19th May 1988.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Warner at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday, the 20th June 1988.
ANY creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 8th day of June 1988
Gouldens
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London
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Ref: DJ/SNS/381636
Solicitors for the above-named Company

LOOKFAST LIMITED. T/A: 'The Burlesque'. Company number: 1991611. Nature of business: Night Club. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Registered office: Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ. Liquidators name and address: C J Hughes, Cork Gully, Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7DQ. Office Holder No: 141. Date of appointment: 31st May 1988. By whom appointed: Creditors.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION NO: 002488 OF 1988
IN THE MATTER OF GWR GROUP PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Petition was on the 27th April 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of capital of the above named Company from £594,876 to £526,000.06.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Warner at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 20th day of June 1988.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 8th day of June 1988
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Notice of appointment of liquidator
voluntary winding up (Members or Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number: 1297448.
Name of company: Cartwright Developments Limited. Nature of business: Commercial & Industrial Property Developers. Type of liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: 66 Cruched Friars, London EC3N 2NP. Liquidators name and address: Roger Arthur Powdrill and Gerald William Boon Spicer Oppenheim & Partners, Friary Court, 65 Cruched Friars, London. Office holder number: 427 - 031. Date of appointment: 26 May 1988. By whom appointed: Creditors.
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Notice of appointment of liquidator
voluntary winding up (Members or Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number: 1561391.
Name of company: Cartwright Homes Limited. Previous name of company: Marabar Limited. Nature of business: Housing Developers. Type of liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: 66 Cruched Friars, London EC3N 2NP. Liquidators name and address: Roger Arthur Powdrill and Gerald William Boon Spicer Oppenheim & Partners, Friary Court, 65 Cruched Friars, London. Office holder number: 427 - 031. Date of appointment: 25 May 1988. By whom appointed: Creditors.
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THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
THE BROOKDALE HOTEL (TRURO) LIMITED
COMPANY NUMBER : 715679
NOTICE OF PAYMENT OUT OF CAPITAL FOR PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES
PURSUANT OF SECTION 178 COMPANIES ACT 1985
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1. By a Special Resolution of the Company in General Meeting passed the 6th June 1988 approval was given for a payment out of the capital of the Company for the purpose of a purchase by the Company of its own shares pursuant to Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985.
2. The amount of the permissible payment : £563,736.00.
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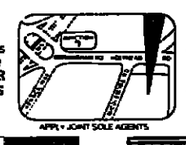
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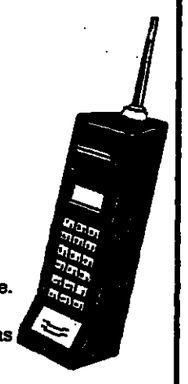
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Creaming a profit with the nanny

By Robin Young

Graham Townsend started in business with £1,000, a wheelbarrow and one pregnant goat. He put in 16-hour days, seven days a week and now, six years later, has found success running one of the better known real-farm cheeses in Britain, producing the creamy, delicately flavoured Vulscombe.

When Mr Townsend, aged 44, bought the dilapidated 10-acre Higher Vulscombe Farm near Tiverton, Devon, he had no income other than fees from occasional academic work, having given up a secure job as mathematics lecturer at Brighton Polytechnic. The £1,000 left from the purchase of the farm would have bought just one Friesian cow "which might have laid straight down and died", so he was obliged to stick to goats. A decent milker cost about £50 in 1982 and would give up to 300 gallons of milk a year.

"It is a huge amount of milk from a small animal, but like all little machines working flat out they require a lot of maintenance", say Mr Townsend.

He and his wife, Jo, aged 42, make Vulscombe by the rennet-free acid curd technique, favoured on small farmsteads in the 18th and 19th centuries. It produces a semi-hard cheese with only three weeks' life before it discolours and shrinks. Vulscombe has no protective coat of mould or charcoal to disguise its development. "It is a crazy type of cheese to make", Mr Townsend admits, "but because of good hygiene it is a goat cheese completely acceptable to the English palate".



Graham Townsend gives a bouquet to a profitable herd

At first, sales were limited to the immediate neighbourhood but on a trip to London to give a maths lecture, Mr Townsend took six Vulscombes to Paxton & Whitfield, the cheesemongers in Jermyn Street. Three weeks later the firm ordered 36, and from then on did much to publicize the cheese.

For the on-farm producer of a perishable product, transport costs are formidable. A goat eats 22p worth of fodder for each cheese it produces. To send a cheese quickly to London, by Red Star, costs 15p. On occasional rail trips to London Mr Townsend still takes 80 to 100 cheeses with him.

One London wholesaler, the Cheese Cellar, buys 80 at a time and a regular outlet, L'Escargot restaurant in Soho, has taken 60 cheeses a fortnight for the past two years. A cheese factor in Exeter distributes to small shops in and around London, and Alan Porter, based in Yorkshire, arranges distribution to hotels and restaurants throughout Britain. But, says Mr Townsend, it has been impossible to interest supermarkets, even locally.

The Vulscombe herd of goats now numbers 40 milkers with two generations of followers. The goats are on target to produce perhaps 17,500 cheeses this year, sold wholesale at an average of £1.25 each, having cost 55p to produce. The cheeses sell in London at a minimum of £2.90.

More than the whole of last year's profits have been spent on a modern agricultural building — "an act of faith" costing £6,000 — and another £4,000 was expended earlier on repairing outhouses. Fifteen acres of fields have been bought to produce winter hay.

It does not leave a lot to live on, but Mr Townsend says: "When you work as hard as we do there is not much time to spend money".

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New ways to raise the money

■ There are two additions to LINC, the network of enterprise agencies formed to introduce potential investors to small businesses in search of capital and in some cases management assistance, *writes Derek Harris.* The Sheffield Enterprise Agency and the South Somerset and West Dorset Enterprise Agency bring the network to 13.

● *Contact: David Wood, LINC, 4 Snow Hill, London EC1A 2BS (01-236 3000)*

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■ Export potential of small businesses remains largely untapped and export houses in countries abroad can be one solution, according to the Geneva-based International Trade Centre (ITC), UNCTAD/GATT.

Now the ITC has produced a report dealing in detail with export houses in India, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Turkey and Uruguay. It is aimed at helping small businesses in developing countries but others can buy it for US$30.

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Holdings increase in long term

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

A new analysis of the property investment market reports that since Black Monday, October 19 last year, Britain's long-term investors have increased their percentage holdings in direct property investment.

Healey & Baker, in their quarterly findings, argue that the increased investment has been fuelled by the underlying strength of the property market rather than merely by disenchantment with the performance of gilts and equities. They forecast that many portfolios will see commercial property returns of over 20 per cent in 1988.

Commenting on the investment market, Angus McIntosh, head of research at Healey & Baker, forecasts that the property market will out-perform equities in 1988, but he warns that a sudden increase in interest rates, to control the economy, might suppress demand and reduce the attraction of some property deals and developments.

He also believes that building costs are certain to rise through the pressure on the building trade's resources because of expansion, and that the predicted VAT on new building, if introduced in the near future, will accelerate this trend.

Healey & Baker records that the net flow into the property market from institutional investors in the last quarter of 1987 was £738 million. In recent months bank loans to property companies have exceeded £15 billion. Many of these came from overseas banks willing to make advances for a cross section of development and re-development programmes.

"Money into Property" is not only the trend reported by Healey & Baker, but also the title of the latest annual analysis by Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks.

Their conclusion is that the institutions appear to be on the threshold of a significant revival of interest in property, but that the strengthening of the corporate sector over recent years may place the institutions in a more competitive market than anticipated.

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MOTOR RACING

The perfect gentleman rings out a warning

By Andrew Longmore



Bell: mystified by his own mastery of endurance racing

Derek Bell apologized for being a bit bleary-eyed. He had been up most of the previous night driving round England for the Telethon. One lap in 24 hours at an average speed of 50mph. It was not a very bright idea, he admitted, because he would be up all this weekend too: 400 laps in 24 hours, average speed 140mph. Yes, you have guessed, it is time for Derek Bell to win Le Mans again.

Bell had agreed to do the Telethon months ago, forgetting it was so close to Le Mans. After 16 years, five wins and at least 5,000 laps of the place, he might have been expected to have remembered the date of Le Mans as readily as his own birthday. In fact, for Bell, Le Mans has become a bit like renewing the car insurance or paying taxes: something you know you have to do, do not think too much about and never do before it becomes necessary. Yet, having driven half of his competitive miles round the most dangerous eight miles in motor racing, Bell has an emotional attachment to the race as well.

"I feel part of the place now. I hate 24-hour races, but I seem to do well in them. I can sense the atmosphere of Le Mans here now," he says.

Sitting in the garden of his perfect English cottage on a perfect English summer's morning, Bell, with his aquiline features and his gentle charm, would be ideally cast as the perfect English gentleman. So it is ironic that at this year's Le Mans, he is the one who stands in the way of the perfect English result, namely a win for Jaguar after 31 years.

Bell has a strong sense of patriotism but it does not stretch as far as his living. It is not just that he wants to beat Jaguar; he actually wants to drive the pants off them. Jaguar, he thinks, are getting too cocky.

"One of their drivers came past me recently. I let him by and then he flicked right across in front of me almost taking my nose off. That's totally unnecessary. They've done a lot of that — Formula One characteristics, I suppose.

"When I overtook them last year, I didn't make their life miserable. It must have been bad enough being beaten by a Porsche anyway and it's certainly miserable enough being beaten by a damn Jaguar without having my nose rubbed in it."

It is worth recording that Bell retaliated by punting the offending Jaguar up the backside at the next corner, a reminder that he is not a soft touch. Bell admits that he would love to be driving for Jaguar. He has been asked, but he has been too deeply involved with Porsche to shift allegiance now. Besides, in his heart of hearts, he feels he has the best car.

"We have a better car than last year and Jaguar must be worried about us because they don't know our form. If they don't win it this year after all the effort they've put in, they deserve a real slagging. That must put a lot of pressure on them," he says.

Bell's own form is very well known, of course. He is quick, very consistent and, including Daytona, has won seven 24-hour races, which is four more than the 14 Jaguar drivers put together. He is the undisputed master of endurance racing, although he cannot begin to tell you why.

"It must be something apart from luck and good cars. Mechanical sympathy, perhaps, or maturity. At Le Mans, the main thing is to think about doing something before you do it. If you lose a few seconds on a lap, you can pick up the time over the next half an hour. That's better than risking being taken off," he explains.

The only nagging doubt in Bell's mind now is one even he cannot ignore. At 46, his best years should be behind him and people will keep asking when he is going to retire.

"Occasionally — once every six months — I find myself sideways and think why did that happen? Years ago, I just would have said: 'Idiot, get on and drive it', now I think, maybe it's because I'm getting old." But Bell is not ready to go just yet. Given the right car, he thinks he might do Le Mans for another *five years, or to put it a different way, another 2,000 laps.*

RUGBY UNION: ENGLAND COACH MAKES THREE CHANGES IN TACTICAL MOVE TO BEAT AUSTRALIA

Orwin keeps place in team as Cooke opts for mobility

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Sydney

John Orwin, England's captain, has retained his place for the second international against Australia at Concord Oval on Sunday.

Having seen off the challenge of Nigel Redman, Orwin will lead out a team showing three changes from that which lost 22-16 in Brisbane last month and including two newcomers, Barry Evans, the Leicester right wing, and Andy Robinson, the Bath flanker.

Evans replaces Bentley, of Sale, and Robinson, doubtless with mixed feelings, usurps Egerton, his club colleague who goes because of the selection of two smaller, faster back-row men, Robinson and Rees.

The third change, which was entirely predictable, brings in Carling for Halliday at centre, the Bath man having flown home immediately after the defeat in Brisbane.

It is a team designed to attack because other options are so limited. Australia proved in the first international that they could hold, even dominate, England at the set pieces, so England have sacrificed height for mobility and must hope their backs can make ground and that their flankers can beat the Australian back row to the breakdown.

"In the end we decided that, because of the way Australia are playing the game, we need to modify our thoughts a bit," Geoff Cooke, the team manager, said before his party made the return trip from Wollongong to Sydney. "We can't suddenly produce more mobility in players, but by a different combination of players we may increase our speed to the breakdown."

Egerton is distinctly unlucky to lose his place — albeit that of flanker rather than No. 8 — because he has had a consistent tour. Redman, another Bath man, is even more unfortunate not to have replaced the captain, but Cooke asserted that the "best two international locks" had been chosen for Sunday. "Redman has to concentrate for the full 80 minutes and adapt his technique to changing circumstances. When he has had to go to the front of the lineout he has found life difficult."

Robinson becomes the twelfth Bath player to make his England debut in the last five years. "I didn't expect to be playing with Gary," he said yesterday. "I had hoped to get him out of the team, but he has been playing particularly well." A teacher at Writhlington Comprehensive School at Radstock, Robinson, aged 24, came to prominence at Loughborough University before joining Bath, where he has had two full seasons.

Evans, aged 25 and a Leicester player for six seasons, candidly confessed at the beginning of the tour that he had virtually given up hopes of a cap. He only knew he was touring on the morning the party left, because of the injury crisis over Harrison and Bailey, and in other circumstances he would have spent much of the last four weeks on a trade stand at the NEC Birmingham working for his behalf.

He played for England's B team against Italy in 1985 and 1986 — Robinson's first B cap was against France last year — but thereafter was overlooked. He was particularly depressed after being omitted from the Midland divisional side last season and, after scoring in each of his first three tour matches here, felt his chance had gone after missing a tackle which let in Niuqila for New South Wales's first try last Sunday.

"This makes it all worthwhile," he said, while reflecting upon the difficulties of marking Campese, the high-stepping Australian left wing whom he has opposed in sevens tournaments, but not otherwise. Bentley, who started as first-choice right wing, had had every chance to preserve his place against New South Wales B on Wednesday, Cooke said, but his form had been disappointing.

"He is not short of pace but he hasn't used his power decisively," the team manager added. "He will be a better player because of this tour but if he wants to force his way in at centre, he has to make sure of enjoying the highest standard of rugby possible." Clearly there is a difference of opinion about Bentley's best position, coupled with the hint that second-division rugby with Sale next season will not improve his prospects.

Although Rendall, the Wasps prop, trained by himself yesterday, there is optimism that he will have recovered from his strained hamstring in time. He jogged round the pitch at Sydney University Oval, paying little heed to the Australian Rugby League team training on an adjacent pitch. I wonder if we shall ever see the national representatives of both codes training cheek by jowl, as it were, at home.

The line-up in Sydney

AUSTRALIA: A J Leeds (NSW); I M Williams (NSW), G A Ella (NSW), M T Cooke (Queensland) D I Campese (NSW); M P Lynagh (Queensland), N C Farr-Jones (NSW, capt); P Kay (NSW), T A Lawton (Queensland), A J McIntyre (Queensland), J S Miller (Queensland), S A G Cutler (NSW), D Frawley (NSW), S Lidbury (NSW), D G Carter (NSW). Replacements: B Burke (NSW), B Smith (NSW), J C Grant (NSW), M A McBain (Queensland), R Lawton (Queensland), T Gavin (NSW).

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All Blacks fear sin bin adds to the risks

From Chris Thau
Auckland

While Wales are about to introduce the sin bin next season, New Zealand may scrap the project. The coaching committee of the New Zealand Rugby Union, chaired by Len Smith, has recommended its abolition — a desire to improve the safety standards.

The coaches argue that the danger of neck injury can increase dramatically if a prop is "sin binned". The coaches have also proposed that substitutes replace dismissed players.

"I am personally against abolishing the sin bin, but because the opinion is divided we've decided to ask the 23 unions to make recommendations to the NZRU council by June 23," Russ Thomas, the NZRU chairman, said.

The NZRU has also launched a four-year plan to maintain the World Cup holders at the top of the international hierarchy. Part of the plan is to develop a B side for the first time as well as an international selection from players in the lower divisions of the provincial championship.

New Zealand may add two games, probably in Canada, to their tour of Wales and Scotland next year. "We prefer less frequent but longer international tours. We would like an 18-match tour, but our view is not shared by the home unions," Thomas said.

While the International Rugby Board has endorsed a tour to South Africa, the NZRU has decided unanimously to turn down the invitation to its players. "We believe that in the wider interest of rugby in New Zealand it is better to turn down the invitation," Thomas said.

Meanwhile the adverts featuring All Blacks are back on television screens. According to Thomas the NZRU control the operation, but he said: "As long as they don't use the words, 'I am an All Black' . . . there is nothing we can do about rugby's high profile in New Zealand."

If there is nothing wrong with Shelford, Kirwan, McDowell, and Fox doing advertising, what is objectionable is the home unions blindly obeying an impossible-to-police rule while here transgressions are the norm as the players' committee has a significant input in the decision-making process. This is in sharp contrast to the British Isles where players are hardly consulted on matters affecting their livelihood and well-being.

Welsh aim to avoid humiliation

From Gerald Davies
Auckland

All the assessments of tomorrow's second international between New Zealand and Wales, even among the New Zealand team itself, are not so much concerned with who will win, but rather the extent of the All Blacks' victory and whether they will exceed the record number of points scored in the first international.

The All Blacks are imbued with such a persuasive, even threatening, confidence that their captain, Wayne Shelford, has talked of bringing perfection to their game, whatever that is likely to mean.

Certainly, never, in a game between International Board countries has such a disparity apparently existed between two such teams.

Wherever you look, the All Blacks appear to know that they have all the options in their favour. Something with which Shelford, in no swaggering way, is quick to agree. "I look at my players and I know that, man for man, we are physically in better shape and that, mentally, the players are all strong competitors. Each will want to prove himself better than his opposite number."

From all the evidence so far, you know that he is right. There is an equally unshakeable confidence in their own better skills so that it will take a mighty effort from Wales even to tickle that confidence, let alone undermine it. Wales can take no comfort from any phase of play, such is the way the All Blacks have ruled.

One would wish, even for old time's sake, it were otherwise. But there has been no evidence in scrum, lineout, and the hunt for the loose ball which leads anyone to expect Wales to see enough of the ball to stem the All Black tide.

Not only can the home side look to their two previous victorious encounters when they bagged 101 points in total to their opposition's nine, collecting 18 tries to one, but that in the meantime, Wales have come to grief elsewhere on their current hapless tour, winning only two of their six provincial matches.

In these games, 18 tries have been scored against them to 14 in their favour — and seven of those were against Hawke's Bay.

Even in those games in which Wales have succeeded, they cannot confidently have been said to have shown in their play the kind of authority one would expect from a national team: in the drawn game against Taranaki it was the home side who, until the final whistle, looked the more likely winners. There is no hope to be found even in the few bright corners. It is a bleak prospect.

As they have travelled through both islands, the Welsh have had to re-appraise their objectives constantly. To win all matches, however, unlikely, was a laudable sight to set to begin with. Gradually, though inexorably, they have been forced to recognize the many flaws in their game as a whole and the palpable inferiority to the all-encompassing New Zealand game at any and every level.

Knowing this the forbidding sadness is that the only remaining objective tomorrow is for them to do their best to stave off any further humiliation. It is a dauntingly joyless experience for the team who shared the European championship.

Wales, having lived a life of siege, have four new caps in their side, three of them from Llanelli. Nigel Davies comes in at centre as Mark Ring is moved to full back and Mike Hall, the Bridgend centre, is played on the wing.

After having made 22 appearances for his country, Robert Jones is replaced by Jonathan Griffiths at scrum half. Gary Jones, who joined the touring party as a replacement, is on the flank and with the injured Robert Norster unavailable, Moseley, of Pontypool, plays at lock.

Having suffered so many injuries and being forced to make changes, the team has an even more fragile look about it than before, in a way that the All Blacks, confidently fielding the same side that won the first international, do not.

The line-up in Auckland

NEW ZEALAND: J Gallagher (Wellington); J Kirwan (Auckland), J Stanley (Auckland), W Taylor (Canterbury), T Wright (Auckland); G Fox (Auckland), B Deans (Canterbury); R Loe (Waikato), S Fitzpatrick (Auckland), S McDowell (Auckland), M Jones (Auckland), M Pierce (Wellington), G Whetton (Auckland), A Whetton (Auckland), W Shelford (North Harbour, capt).

WALES: M Ring (Pontypool); M Hall (Bridgend), N Davies (Llanelli), J Devereux (Bridgend), I Evans (Llanelli); J Davies (Llanelli, capt), J Griffiths (Llanelli); S Jones (Pontypool), I Watkins (Ebbw Vale), D Young (Swansea), D Bryant (Bridgend), K Moseley (Pontypool), P May (Llanelli), G Jones (Llanelli), R Phillips (Neath).

Referee: G Maurette (France).

Fiji has rebel players in squad at Suva

Three members of the unauthorised South Seas Barbarians who toured South Africa last autumn have been included in the party from which Fiji will choose their XV to play England in Suva next Thursday (David Hands writes from Sydney). The trio include Sevoro Koroduadua, the stand-off half or full back who made such an impact during last year's World Cup.

All the players who visited South Africa were subsequently suspended by the Fijian Rugby Union for six months, a ban which expired at the end of May. In their absence, however, the reshaped national side beat both Queensland and New South Wales in this year's South Pacific Championship.

BOXING

Benn is in Graham's sights

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

After Herol Graham's fifth-round win over the No. 4 British contender, James Cook, at the City Hall, Sheffield, on Wednesday, the Sheffield boxer's manager, B J Eastwood, is faced with some difficult decisions.

Should he put Graham in against the world champion for a five figure sum or risk him against Nigel Benn, from West Ham, the world No. 26 but a knock-out specialist, for a six-figure pay day?

After the bout, Eastwood put a brave front on a performance from Graham that was well short of his best. Eastwood blamed Graham's lack of sharpness on edginess because of talk about Benn beating him up. "Herol was angry. If he had been relaxed he would have won in two rounds. Benn is no threat to Herol," Eastwood said.

He overlooked the fact that Graham's lunges would be no threat to Benn. Eastwood said: "If Herol starts to do the sort of thing he does well, Benn's head will be spinning and he won't be able to hit Herol with a handful of coins, even."

Eastwood did not seem concerned that the sort of evasive boxing that Graham does well — "limbo dancing" as Tony Sibson called it — does not go down well with the fans. Far from bringing him a shower of coins from the crowd it would precipitate rather a deluge of half eaten sausage rolls which punters somehow always seem to have on hand for the right occasion.

In the event of the contest going on, the sidestake between the managers has been raised to £200,000 with the winner taking the purse as well.

Eastwood wears three hats, a manager's, a promotor's and a bookmaker's, so in the end it was not surprising to hear him say, on the one hand, that he was to give the public the contest everyone wants and co-promote it with Warren and, on the other hand, putting the world title first.

He would prefer Graham to meet Iran Barkley, of United States, in preference to Sumbu Kalambay, of Italy, who has already beaten the Sheffield boxer. The bout must be held at the latest by December 5.

Graham must also defend his British title against Johnny Melfah, of Gloucester, when ordered to do so by the Boxing Board. Melfah is a tough opponent and Eastwood will be hoping that the board do not call for that contest before the world title challenge.

Exiles get new captain

Dave Fitzgerald will be the new captain of London Irish next season, taking over from Mike Gibson, who will continue to play for the club but is relinquishing the post because of work commitments. John Hewitt will be vice-captain. The club's annual meeting also elected Hugh Brady as president.

Fitzgerald has said that he intends to emulate Harlequins, winners of the John Player Special Cup last season, by insisting on full fitness and commitment from his players, with a view to the team earning promotion to the first division of the Courage Clubs' Championship.

Queen's Bench Division — Law Report June 10 1988 — Family Division

Minister's inquiry decision was irrational

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Fielder Estates (Canvey) Ltd and Another

Before Mr Justice Roch

[Judgment June 9]

The failure by the Secretary of State for the Environment to consult all interested parties as to whether to hold a new planning inquiry was so unreasonable that it amounted to a failure to act with procedural fairness and was irrational.

Mr Justice Roch so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing an application for judicial review by Fielder Estates (Canvey) Ltd and Seaside Resorts (Canvey Island) Ltd of the decision of the secretary of state to order a new inquiry be held to consider four applications for planning permission for residential development at Canvey Island.

Mr John Steel for the applicants; Mr David Pannick for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE ROCH said the applicants applied for planning permission for a residential development which was refused by Castlepoint District Council. The applicants applied to the secretary of state who appointed an inspector. On February 16, 1988 the inspector opened the inquiry.

The inquiry was expected to last two to three days and in those circumstances one group of objectors, the Canvey Ratepayers Association, wanted to give its evidence through its chairman, Mr Watley, on the second day of the inquiry as he was not available on the first day. The inspector stated that time would be set aside on the second day.

However, by 5.30pm on the first day all those who wanted to give evidence had done so and the inspector closed the inquiry. The next day Mr Watley attended the inquiry to find it closed.

He wrote to the secretary of state who decided to hold a new inquiry. He reached that decision without consulting any of the applicants wrote to the secretary of state submitting that a new inquiry was not necessary but the secretary of state replied adhering to his original decision.

His Lordship found that the inspector could have taken one of four courses when faced with the problem caused by the inspector's mistake.

1 He could have ordered the re-opening of the inquiry and enabled the ratepayers' association to give evidence.

2 He could have directed the inspector to receive written proof of evidence from the association which Mr Wately had intended to read anyway and if any new points had arisen he could have allowed the applicants the opportunity to meet those points.

3 He could have asked for the association's written proof and if there were no new points he could have ordered the inspector to make a report.

4 He could have ordered a new report.

His Lordship found the failure to consult all the interested parties was *Wednesbury* unreasonable ([1948] 1 KB 223) as it amounted to a failure to act with procedural fairness and was an irrational decision.

For there to be a breach of natural justice, there had to be real prejudice. The secretary of state did not ask himself whether, if he ordered a fresh inquiry, other persons would suffer injury.

The ordering of the fresh inquiry was so irrational that it verged on absurdity when an innocent oversight could have been resolved by a course which would not have involved the considerable expense, inconvenience and risk of injury to the applicants, the local planning authority and other objectors.

Solicitors: Baker & McKenzie; Treasury Solicitor.

Drink defence fails

Regina v Allen (Kevin)

Where an accused knew that he was drinking alcohol, such drinking did not become involuntary for the reason alone that he might not know the precise nature or strength of the alcohol he had consumed — it was nevertheless voluntary drinking of alcohol.

Lord Justice Stocker, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Mr Justice Tudor Evans and Mr Justice Potts on June 7, so stated when dismissing an appeal by Kevin Vincent Allen, aged 30, against conviction at Stafford Crown Court (Mr Justice Tucker and a jury) of buggery and indecent assault on a woman for which he received a 12-year sentence.

He appealed on the ground that the judge had erred in ruling that a defence of involuntary drunkenness be withdrawn from the jury.

The appellant had had four pints of beer in a public house at lunchtime and later in the factory where he worked a workmate gave him what was said to be home made wine.

In evidence the appellant said that it smelt like Pernod — a drink his wife took occasionally — it made his eyes water and after that it seemed to go down. He drank two small bottles of it. When asked whether it was fire water he said it smelt of aniseed.

Before the question arose whether the judge's ruling was wrong in law a preliminary question had to be answered: was there evidence before the jury that the drinking was involuntary?

The ruling was that the evidence did not exist that the drinking was other than voluntary.

It was virtually unarguable that the appellant's drinking could be said to be other than voluntary. The ruling was entirely correct.

Additional arbitration guidelines

Petraco (Bermuda) Ltd v Petromed International SA and Another

Additional guidelines for exercising the discretion to grant leave to appeal to the High Court from an arbitrator's award, where leave was sought in relation to a point of law which had not been argued before the arbitrator, was suggested by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Purchas and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce) on May 6, when allowing an appeal by respondents to an arbitration from the refusal of leave to appeal from the award.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the following additional guidelines [see *The Nema* ([1982] AC 724) and *The Antaios* ([1985] 1 AC 191)] as to how a judge should regard the introduction of a new point of law when exercising his discretion under section 1(3) of the Arbitration Act 1979, were suggested.

1 The fact that the point which it was proposed to argue was not argued before the arbitrator was not an absolute bar to the grant of leave to appeal.

2 It was, however, to be taken into account in the exercise of the general discretion provided by section 1(3).

3 Where the failure to argue the point below had had the result that all the necessary facts had not been found, that would be a powerful factor against granting leave.

4 Even in such a case, it might be right in very special circumstances to remit the award for further facts to be found with a view to granting leave.

5 If all necessary facts had been found, the judge should give such weight as he thought fit to the failure to argue the point before the arbitrator. In particular he should have regard to whether the new point was similar to points that had been argued or whether it was a totally new and different point.

Wardship case waste of court's time

A v Berkshire County Council

Before Sir Stephen Brown, President

[Judgment May 12]

It was a waste of public funds and of High Court time for the guardian *ad litem* to invoke the wardship jurisdiction in order to resolve a conflict between herself and the local authority regarding the future placement of a minor.

The guardian's appointment under the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 was to represent the interests of the child in care proceedings before the juvenile court. Any conflict was for the juvenile court to resolve and if the guardian was dissatisfied then she could appeal to the crown court.

Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division so stated in a chambers judgment, reported with his Lordship's permission, terminating wardship proceedings on the application of Berkshire County Council.

Mrs Diane Barnett for the guardian *ad litem*; Miss Mhairi McNab for the local authority.

THE PRESIDENT said that the local authority commenced care proceedings in November 1987 under the 1969 Act and there had been a succession of interim care orders. A full care hearing had been fixed for April 1988.

The guardian *ad litem* had been appointed under section 32 of the 1969 Act. The guardian disagreed with the proposal of the local authority to send the minor to boarding school.

She had obtained legal aid, issued the originating summons and named herself as guardian in the wardship proceedings. The guardian was thus challenging the statutory responsibility placed on a local authority.

There was direct conflict with the decision of the House of Lords in *A v Liverpool City Council* ([1982] AC 363) which held that the wardship jurisdiction should not be exercised so as to interfere with the day-to-day administration by local authorities of children entrusted to their care under the statutory code.

The guardian *ad litem* had a statutory duty to represent the interests of the child in the juvenile court and she had no *locus standi* in the purported wardship proceedings. In wardship proceedings it was for the High Court to appoint a guardian and the Official Solicitor was invited first to undertake that duty.

His Lordship did not question the good faith of the guardian *ad litem* in believing that she should strive for further investigation of the minor's needs but that had to be done in care proceedings before the juvenile court.

The issue of the wardship summons was misconceived. His Lordship was surprised that the guardian *ad litem* was able to obtain a legal aid certicate and hoped that legal aid committees in future would refuse the grant of legal aid in similiar circumstances.

Solicitors: Meaden & Griffiths, Reading; Mr David C. H. Williams, Reading.

Licensing exemption for hire vehicles

Pitts v Lewis

It was imperative for the operation of the licensing exemption under section 75(1)(b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, relating to offences under Part II of that Act concerning licensing of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, that the contract for hire had to relate to a particular identified vehicle so that it would be a breach contract if another vehicle was supplied.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Parker and Mr Justice Simon Brown) so held on May 16 in allowing an appeal by the prosecutor, Andrew Henry Pitts, against the acquittal by Coventry Justices of Roy Anthony Lewis on a charge of operating a private hire vehicle without a licence contrary to section 46 of the 1976 Act.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that for the section 75(1)(b) exemption to apply there had to be a contract for hire of a vehicle for a minimum of seven days and the contract had to relate to a particular identified vehicle, so that it would be a breach of contract if another vehicle was supplied.

Section 75(1)(b) was not defeated merely because the vehicle was not in the possession or control of the hirer when not in use. Neither did the section require that the vehicle should be hired for a fixed fee. It was common for hire to be for a fixed charge plus either mileage or an hourly rate.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Violence plan is refuted by Reilly

From Keith Macklin
Sydney

Australians are in a lather for tomorrow's first Whitbread Trophy international at the Sydney Football Stadium, the hundredth game between the two countries since 1908.

While Australians always love to win, especially against the British, only a close-fought international will restore any credibility for Great Britain.

Australians are contemptuous after Britain's 30-0 defeat at Manly and are now accusing them of being prepared to resort to violence, or "biff" as they put it, to try to achieve a modicum of self-respect.

This charge falls flat as Malcolm Reilly, the British coach, said: "I won't condone any off-the-ball violence." He emphasized his point by omitting Lee Crooks, the Leeds forward who is regarded as Britain's hatchet man.

Some Australians are however aware that interest in the tour will evaporate given a poor British performance. Frank Hyde, the retired Australian radio commentator, writes in in *Rugby League Week* that "permanent dominance is not good for the code. Rugby League needs healthy competition."

Nevertheless the statistics are that the Lions have not won a series against Australia since 1970, and an international since Bradford in 1978. In four series since, Britain have been whitewashed, usually by thumping margins with the Australians producing running, passing and tackling that made the British squads look pedestrian.

However, amid all the Australian complacency, scorn and, worst of all, patronizing sympathy, Reilly and Les Bettinson, the team manager, maintain that the the international squad, who have been kept out of the firing line, have been prepared with rigorous training sessions to give Australia their toughest game for years.

At yesterday's two training sessions the players were put through fast and exacting routines, and after two punishing sessions the players seem grimly determined to wipe the smiles off Australian faces. Moves were worked out that Reilly hopes will unlock the opposition defence, with Gregory and Hanley the critical figures.

AUSTRALIA: G Jack; A Ettingshausen, P Jackson, M O'Connor, T Currie; W Lewis (capt), P Sterling; S Backo, G Conescu, P Daley, P Vautin, W Fullerton-Smith, R Lindner. Replacements: G Belcher, S Folkes.

GREAT BRITAIN: P Loughlin (St Helens); P Ford (Bradford), G Schofield (Leeds), D Stephenson (Leeds), M Offiah; D Holme (both Widnes), A Gregory (Wigan); K Ward, K Beardmore (both Castleford), P Dixon (Halifax), M Gregory (Warrington), A Platt (St Helens), E Hanley (Wigan, capt). Replacements: H Gill (Wigan), R Powell (Leeds).

Referee: F Desplats (France).

Venue scrapped

Sydney — The International Rugby League Board (IRLB) has halted plans to hold the final of the World Cup this year, probably between Australia and either Great Britain or New Zealand, in the United States.

Ken Arthurson, the president, said it was too late to formulate that plan, but a world club championship match, probably between the champions of Britain and Australia, would be played in Japan next year.

TOURS ITINERARY: 1989: Australia to New Zealand; 1990: France to Australia; Australia to Britain and France; 1991: France to Papua New Guinea and New Zealand.

BOWLS

Essex employ last-minute team selection

After three trials, Essex, the 1987 runners-up, have chosen a squad of 32 for their opening NatWest Bank Middleton Cup match against Suffolk at Westcliff, Essex, tomorrow (Gordon Allan writes). They will not nominate the six rinks to play until half an hour before the start — a policy peculiar to Essex, who say it generates team spirit.

ESSEX SQUAD: Rink 1: R Hart, M Rothon, D Wakefield, G Brinkley. Rink 2: M Christmas, K Dunn, A Hayward, R Copping. Rink 3: N Catchpole, C Bryan, J Watson, G Coles. Rink 4: P Watford, P Ayling, R Rose, A Nimmo. Rink 5: K Groves, T Mould, J Stephens, T Butler. Rink 6: C Emery, J Hicks, P Bell, N Groves. Rink 7: I Barker, R Marshall, A McElrea, D Parsonson. Rink 8: D Farr, G Arnold, N Smith, J Stamper.

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GOLF: BRITAIN AND IRELAND READY TO PROVE THAT THEIR TENURE OF THE CURTIS CUP IS NO FLUKE

Success built on fear of losing

By Patricia Davies

The moment of truth has arrived. Today is the day that will show whether Britain and Ireland really can beat the United States for the second successive time and retain the Curtis Cup, or whether victory at Prairie Dunes two years ago was the most outrageous fluke.

This year's match, which is sponsored by the National Westminster Bank, starts at the Royal St George's Golf Club, Sandwich, with three foursomes this morning followed by six singles in the afternoon. The format is repeated tomorrow.

It is not the first time the Americans have come over here without the Cup, although it has not happened often, given that they have won 19 of the 24 contests played in the 56 years since the event was inaugurated.

In 1960, they travelled to Lindrick without the trophy, having halved the match at Brae Burn two years previously and lost it at Prince's, Sandwich, in 1956. Then, Bunty Smith, who packed unsurpassed determination into a modest frame, overcame Polly Riley on the 36th hole of their singles to secure victory for the home side.

It is that sort of will to win — a positive hatred of defeat and a refusal to countenance it — that Diane Bailey, the British and Irish captain, imbued into her side two years ago, and they swept the Americans aside on the first day. The foursomes, as so often, were crucial and the visitors won them all.

"My abiding memory of Prairie Dunes," Bailey recalled, "is of word coming back from the first green on the walkie-talkie and hearing, time after time, that Great Britain and Ireland had won the hole or, at the very least, not lost it. I'd instilled into the players the importance of not losing that first hole and they responded magnificently."

In fact, it was not until the first match in the afternoon on the second day, the thirteenth time the hole had been played, that Judy Bell, the US captain then as now, heard that one of her side was one up after one.

Bell, unsurprisingly, is determined not to lose again, but when she said her team intended to win, Bailey raised an eyebrow ever so slightly, set her jaw almost imperceptibly and said just one word: "Really?"

A lot of meaning can be conveyed in a single word and Bailey had no need to add, even if she was ill-bred enough to want to, phrases of the "not bloody likely" or "over my dead body" variety. She is no soft, dumb blonde, to be underestimated simply because of her charm and sweet smile. She is a formidable organizer and after the performance at Prairie Dunes, it would be a fool who would play down her chances of retaining the Cup.

The American team certainly seems to be stronger — it is undoubtedly more experienced — but four of the home side, Jill Thornhill, Vicki Thomas, Karen Davies and Claire Hourihane, won last time. The newcomers, Julie Wade, Linda Bayman, Susan Shapcott and Shirley Lawson, are hardly inexperienced.

Bayman makes her Cup debut on her fortieth birthday with Julie Wade, her regular foursomes partner. Wade, the English champion, is also playing for the first time and they lead the home side's defence against Tracy Kerdyk and Kathleen Scrivner, the two Americans who have looked most impressive in practice.

Jill Thornhill and Vicki Thomas, with seven Cup appearances between them now, are in the anchor position against Leslie Shannon and the big-hitting Caroline Keggi.

Sandwiched in the middle, Susan Shapcott, aged 18 and the youngest member of either side, plays with Karen Davies, who won 3½ points out of four in the victory two years ago.

The course has been lamb-like during the practice days, with the wind noticeable by its absence or, at worst, zephyr-like qualities. Even should it continue in the same fashion, the premium will be on accurate driving, and, as ever, the people who hole putts will win their matches.

TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY: Foursomes (GB and Irish names first): 8.45: L Bayman and J Wade v T Kerdyke and K Scrivner. 9.00: S Shapcott and K Davies v C Schofield and C Thompson. 9.15: J Thornhill and V Thomas v L Shannon and C Kegg.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	391	4	10	353	4
2	319	4	11	174	3
3	156	3	12	322	4
4	403	5	13	418	5
5	395	5	14	464	5
6	138	3	15	399	5
7	460	5	16	158	3
8	348	4	17	396	4
9	368	4	18	407	5
Out	2,978	37	In	3,081	38

Total yardage: 6059 Par: 75



Familiar: Hourihane, a survivor from the 1986 winning team

RACING

Sir Harry Lewis leaves Manton to join Lukas

By George Rae

Sir Harry Lewis, the winner of last season's Irish Derby, is leaving Barry Hills to join Kentucky Derby winning trainer Wayne Lukas in California.

The four-year-old was well beaten in last month's Ormonde Stakes at Chester and returned to Manton with a muscular problem.

"He looks great but is not quite right," Hills said at Newbury yesterday. "The owners want to take him to race in the United States, and he'll be going in about a month. He won't race for me again, but I will be getting some of Mr Kaskel's young horses as replacements."

Despite the impending departure of Sir Harry Lewis, Hills has still assembled a strong squad for Royal Ascot next week, and he has fine prospects of landing the big sprint double with Gallic League (King's Stand Stakes), and Handsome Sailor (Cork and Orrery).

His team also includes Sparrow's Air, withdrawn from the Oaks on the morning of the race. "She has a heel infection, but if she's all right her race will be the Ribblesdale Stakes," Hills said. "If she isn't quite right, Divine Law goes instead."

However, the two-year-old Tatouma, the winner of yesterday's Kingsclere Stakes, will miss the Royal meeting. "She wasn't very impressive," Hills said, "but she was never going to be beaten. We'll see how we go with her."

Walter Swinburn was interviewed by the stewards over the running and riding of the Michael Stoute-trained Mushtaag, fifth in the Coopers and Lybrand Summer Handicap after being dropped out early and making late progress. Swinburn's explanation that the gelding had been difficult to train, had not been working well at home, and would have appreciated better ground, was recorded.

The race was won by Picea, who came late to beat Professional Girl. "It's the first time for a while he's had a racing weight," trainer Michael Jarvis said. "And he's due to go up another 3lb next week. I entered him in the Bessborough Handicap at Royal Ascot, but he's unlikely to run." Jarvis went on. "He's best in a small field when he can come round the outside."

Jarvis will, however, run his Italian Derby second, Carroll House, in the King Edward VII Stakes provided the recent rain continues to ease the ground. Just A Flutter, an emphatic winner at Kempton last month, goes for a group three mile race at Chantilly on Sunday.

Atlaal, trained by Henry Cecil, comfortably held off sole rival St Cadoc in the Basingstoke Stakes, but will not take up his engagement in the King Edward VII Stakes. The stable will be represented by recent Haydock winner Triad.

Atlaal's jockey, Steve Cauthen, completed a double when Urizen battled on strongly to beat Henbane in the Childrey Maiden Stakes.

Fabricius is fined £400 over Mtoto's void race

Rod Fabricius, the Goodwood clerk of the course, was fined £400 by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee yesterday over the void Festival Stakes at the course on May 18.

The listed event, with £15,000 added prize money, was declared void after all six runners took the wrong course because groundsmen had failed to reposition dolls correctly from the previous race.

The time of the Festival Stakes, 'won' by Mtoto from Media Starguest and Amerigo Vespucci, suggested that the field covered considerably less than the correct mile and a quarter distance.

Fabricius, who accepted full responsibility for the error, would not comment on the fine, but said: "Obviously, the Goodwood Board can now address the prize-money issue."

He added that the Board would also consider what action to take, if any, against the staff directly responsible for the mistake.

The Goodwood board will meet on June 28 to decide what compensation to give to owners, trainers and jockeys involved in the race.

A similar mix-up occurred for a chase at Chepstow last year, after which the clerk of the course, John Hughes, was fined £500.

ATHLETICS

Aouita takes lead role in Casablanca

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Casablanca

Rick's is nowhere to be found, and Sam, or someone who looks very like him, was last spotted playing it again in a hotel in Marrakesh.

This image of Casablanca as the town of Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, of Sydney Greenstreet and Adolphe Menjou, is one which the Moroccans are trying hard to dispel. The first Casablanca international track and field meeting tomorrow should help them do that.

The heroes today are Said Aouita and Steve Cram. Aouita, inevitably: in a country longing for recognition. Aouita, the quadruple world record-holder has put Morocco on the world stage.

That Cram is not far behind Aouita in the appreciation of Moroccans is perhaps not so surprising. His early victories over Aouita, in the 1983 world championships and in their 1,500 metres world record race in Nice almost three years ago have earned him much respect, demonstrated by the numerous demands to know "what happened to Cram in Rome?"

After a winter of trying to forget his world championship débâcle, Cram has lately suggested that it was due to over-confidence. That has never seemed to do Aouita much harm, although he does occasionally fall short of his lofty objectives, but he still manages to win the race.

That is the most likely scenario tomorrow. Aouita has announced his intention of gracing this first independent meeting in Morocco (the organization of which is due largely to him) with a new world record at two miles. He already owns the current one, with 8min 13.45sec.

However, Aouita's relatively mediocre performances (for him) so far this season, a legacy of three months of missed winter training, suggest otherwise. He has raced three times in the last three weeks, just breaking 3min 40sec and 4min for the 1,500 metres and mile. At 3,000 metres, he ran 8:00.81, the equivalent of 8:30 for two miles. Hardly the best preparation for a world record some 25 seconds faster.

But Aouita has astonished before, and with Ibrahim Boutaib, his young charge, to pace him, and an expected crowd of more than 50,000 to roar him on in the Mohammed V stadium, who can prophesy what he will do?

Cram will be content just to win his race. He had a satisfactory season's debut in Seville last week, winning the 3,000 metres in 7:45.45 in a heatwave. Casablanca, though, is much cooler.

Cram suffered some leg and ankle twinges after his race, and has had to take it easy this week. Nonetheless, the renewed confidence he said he felt after last week should carry him through easily in a 1,500 metres against Omar Khalifa, of Sudan, Hans Kulker, from the Netherlands, and the Spaniard, Andres Vera.

£900,000 new kit deal

British athletics officials yesterday announced a £400,000 deal with Dairy Crest Foods to sponsor the international team, which includes, for the first time, provision for the sponsors' logo on team kit. Nike, supplier of that kit, have signed a new, £500,000 two-year deal.

- John Treacy, Ireland's Olympic marathon silver medal winner, will compete in the Pearl Assurance Great North Run from Newcastle on July 24.
- Fatima Whitbread (javelin), John Regis (100m) and Paul Herbert (800m) compete in Leningrad on Sunday.

CYCLING

All in step for Zhdanov

By Peter Bryan

With the double task of defending the yellow jersey of Vasiliy Zhdanov and also trying to regain the team lead, the Soviet Union's riders were rarely absent from the front during yesterday's tenth stage of the Milk Race from Doncaster to Leicester.

Even when Zhdanov had a puncture at 60 miles, the Soviet team remained calm, dropping one man behind to pace the race leader back into the bunch while putting two others at the head to do what they could to slow the speed in the hope of making Zhdanov's chase to rejoin easier.

The domination and control ended as the race entered the 0.7-mile finishing circuit, to be covered seven times. Neil Stephens, an unsponsored Australian, and two British professionals, Mark Walsham and Nick Barnes, shot away, and, on the twisting course, were better able to increase the speed, building up a dangerous lead over the bunch.

Stephens broke clear with less than two miles to go and stayed there to win the 98-mile stage, explaining later that he regarded Walsham as the fastest rider in the race and thought it prudent not to leave the outcome to a sprint finish.

In turn, Walsham drew away from a tiring Barnes for second place. He also became the first outright winner in the 1,150 miles race with an unassailable lead in the sprints category.

Earlier, when the race was delayed for 21 seconds at a level crossing, Walsham was one of half-a-dozen who had taken the opportunity of a "comfort." Left behind at the restart, he was forced to chase for 20 miles before rejoining the pack.

Chris Lillywhite appeared to have shaken off a bad cold that had taken the power out of his climbing strength and he won all three hill tests to regain the overall lead in that category.

TENTH STAGE (Doncaster to Leicester. 98 miles): 1, N Stephens (Zero Boys), 3hr 43min 45sec; 2, M Walsham (Percy Bilton), 3:43.50; 3, N Barnes (PMS-Dawes), 3:44.0; 4, G Miller (NZ), 3:44.40; 5, S Krawczyk (Pol), 3:44.40; 6, P Casado (Z-Peugeot-Hallfords), 3:44.40. Team: Zero Boys.

OVERALL (after 988 miles): 1, V Zhdanov (USSR), 42:09.16; 2, P Prikryl (Cz), at 1 min 5 secs; 3, S Jones (PMS-Dawes), at 5.20; 4, S Krawczyk (Pol), at 5.45; 5, I Ivanov (USSR), at 7.20; 6, M Twelves (Eng), at 9.29. Other British placings: 7, J Clay (PMS-Dawes), at 10.35; 8, D Rayner (Raleigh-Banana), at 11.31; 10, S Sutton (PMS-Dawes), at 12.09. Team: 1, PMS-Dawes 126 hrs 33 mins 14 secs; 2, Sovier Union 126:48.26; 3, Czechoslovakia 126:55.40; 4, England 127:04.28.

TODAY: Eleventh stage. Coventry circuit. 29 miles (start 6.30pm, finish 7.30pm)

Hampsten beats clock

Valico del Vetriolo (AFP) — Andy Hampsten strengthened his position as Giro d'Italia overall leader when he won the vital eighteenth stage, an individual time trial, yesterday. The American was 64 seconds faster than his main rival, the Dutchman, Eric Breukink, at the end of the 18km trial between Levico Terme and here.

With three stages left, Hampsten, of the 7-Eleven team, led Breukink by 2min 6sec and looked set to become the second United States rider to win one of the three big tours, succeeding the Tour de France victor, Greg LeMond.

Jean-François Bernard, of France, sixth overall, pulled out because he was still feeling the effects of a fall on Wednesday.

EIGHTEENTH STAGE: Levico Terme to Valico del Vetriolo (18km time trial): 1, A Hampsten (7-Eleven), 43min 37sec; 2, R Vicentini (Carrera), 44:09; 3, F Giupponi (Del Tongo), 44:17; 4, U Zimmermann (Carrera), 4:29; 5, E Breukink (Panasonic), 44:41; 6, T Rominger (Chateau d'Ax), 45:16. Overall: 1, Hampsten 81:55:06; 2, Breukink at 2:06; 3, Zimmermann at 5:10.

SQUASH RACKETS

Payne pressed by young aspirant

By Colin McQuillan

Colin Payne, a double club champion from Beckenham and New Croydon, put an end to the progress of Stacey Ross, the schoolboy champion from Wimbledon Stadium, in the southern region semi-finals of the Dunlop Champion of Champions tournament, at King George's Park, Wandsworth, south London, but it took him two hours to win 10-9, 9-2, 8-10, 10-9.

Ross, aged just 14, is the British under-16 champion and already the terror of the under-19 group. His challenge to Payne, aged 25, is some measure of the Wimbledon lad's precocious talent.

Indeed their match might have been longer. Ross was within a point of taking them into a fifth game when he held game ball at 8-7 in the 30-minute fourth game.

In tonight's southern regional finals Payne meets Stuart Farrar, of Thames Ditton, Surrey, who needed only 35 minutes to complete his four-game semi-final win over Graham Appleby 9-7, 8-10, 9-10, 10-9; S Lawrence (Stripes) bt S Johnson (Eastway), 9-3, 9-0, 1-9, 10-8.

SEMI-FINALS: Men: Southern Home Counties: C Payne (Beckenham) bt S Ross (Wimbledon Stadium), 10-9, 9-2, 8-10, 10-9; S Farrar (Thames Ditton) bt G Appleby (Maidstone), 9-3, 9-4, 5-9, 9-7.

Northern Home Counties: D Kidd (Woodham Leisure) bt J Duckworth (Cumberland), 9-0, 9-3, 9-2; J Foster (Bishop's Stortford) bt D Sanders (Oakleigh Park), 7-9, 9-3, 9-7, 9-0.

Women: Southern Home Counties: S Wright (Howdon) bt S Downhill (West Cross), 9-1, 9-1, 8-5; A Rix (New Croydon) bt C Baker (New Maldian), 8-10, 9-3, 9-1, 9-6. Northern Home Counties: M Fryer (Richmond Town) bt R Macree (Havering), 9-4, 9-7, 8-10, 9-10, 10-9; S Lawrence

YACHTING

Rothmans maxi enters Whitbread

By Barry Pickthall

Rothmans, the British tobacco company, announced yesterday that it is to build a maxi yacht to compete in the next Whitbread Round the World race which starts from Southampton in 15 months.

The boat, which will contest line honours against at least eight other maxis from Finland, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland and Sweden, will be designed by Rob Humphreys and built by Adrian Thompson, a specialist in hi-tech composite construction.

Work on the yacht, to be named Rothmans, will begin next month at Thompson's yard at Totnes, Devon, and the boat is scheduled for launching next March, giving the as yet unnamed crew six months to prepare for the 32,000-mile classic.

At the moment the project centres on Humphreys and Thompson, but a project manager and skipper are expected to be announced shortly. The sponsor also remained coy about the size of their programme that is costing rival teams between £4 and £5 million.

Mike Pavitt, the spokesman for the tobacco group, said: "There will be no spoiling the ship for a ha'penny o' tar. We don't know exactly, down to the last half-million, what the project will cost yet, but our aim is simply to provide enough funds to win."

The boat will represent Britain's first full-blown effort to win the Whitbread since Chay Blyth, in Great Britain II, won line honours in the first round-the-world race for fully-crewed yachts, back in 1974.

Since then, the "home-grown" entries have always been eclipsed by better funded, purpose-designed entries that have scooped the pool.

"We've been nagged for many years to back a British Whitbread entry and began looking at the project seriously after Simon Le Bon entered Drum in the last race," Pavitt said yesterday.

Yeoman into the lead

Roger Yeoman and Neil McDonald moved into the overall lead of the Flying Dutchman Class at the NatWest British Olympic Selection Trials in Weymouth yesterday, gaining first and second places in the two races that were sailed in the brisk force 4 that replaced the lighter winds of the early races (Roger Lean Vercoe writes).

Yeoman held sixth place for the majority of the first race but correctly judged the turning tide of the last beat, played the opposite side of the course to the leading boats and took the winner's gun.

This result raised him from fifth place overall into the lead. The second race of the day, sailed in slightly stronger winds, proved that this was no flash in the pan.

RESULTS: Fourth race: Tornado Class: 1, Robert White/J Newman; 2, C Brewer/M Braithwaite; 3, Reg White/S Olle. Star Class: 1, D Howlett/P Rushent; 2, I Woolward/J Maddocks; 3, B Altman/A Beesworth. Flying Dutchman Class: 1, R Yeoman/N McDonald; 2, L Delage/D Ferre (Fr); 3, A Batzill/P Lang (WG). 470 Class, Mens: J Belben/A Hemmings; 2, B Taylor/R Pascal; 3, K Sprout/T Hancock. Women: 1, A Gonzalez/P Guerra (Sp); 2, C Foster/J Patton; 3, D Jarvis/S Hay. Finn class: 1, L Crispin; 2, S Childerley; 3, T Tavinor. Div II Sailboards: 1, S Goody; 2, S Blake; 3, B Edgington. Fifth race: Div II Sailboards: 1, B Edgington; 2, S Blake; 3, S Goody. Flying Dutchman Class: 1, T Berger/V Berger; 2, R Yeoman/N McDonald; 3, A Elten/A Gerlach (WG). Other Bnaist: 10, J Turner/P Allan; 11, K Slater/K Richardson. Star Class: 1, D Howlett/P Rushent; 2, M McIntyre/B Valle; 3, I Woolward/J Maddocks. 470 Class: Men: 1, N Buckley/P Newlands; 2, J Belben/A Hemmings; 3, B Taylor/R Pascal. Women: 1, C Foster/J Patton; 2, D Jarvis/S Hay; 3, A Gonzalez/P Guerra (Sp). Finn Class: 1, S Childerley; 2, T Tavinor; 3, L Crispin. Tornado Class: 1, C Brewer/M Braithwaite; 2, Robert White/J Newman; 3, Reg White/S Olle.

Bedford is in firm control

David Bedford took control of the Stone's Ginger Wine J24s national championship at Torquay yesterday (Malcolm McKeag writes). In near perfect winds, Bedford had a stirring tussle with Iain Macdonald-Smith, while Stuart Mount, Monday's winner, came through to take third position.

Going into today's final race Bedford holds a slender points lead over Alastair Evans. Bedford's worst position so far is tenth and he now needs to finish only ninth or better to take the title.

RESULTS: 1, Take Them To The Cleaners, (D Bedford, Parkstone YC); 2, Hedgehog, (I Macdonald-Smith, Royal Thames YC); 3, Parkview, (S Mount, S Caernarvonshire YC).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

European championship Group one
West Germany v Italy (Düsseldorf, 7.15)

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup Semi-final
11.0, to finish
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Derbyshire.

Tour matches
11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v West Indians.
MACCLESFIELD: Hudson's Hollywood XI v Aboriginals (12.0. one-day)

Tilcon Trophy
11.0 to 7.30
HARROGATE: Warwickshire v Yorkshire.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire; Abergavenny: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire; Bournemouth: Hampshire v Essex; Folkestone: Kent v Gloucestershire; Uppingham: Leicestershire v Lancashire; Hansfield: Middlesex v Sussex; Glastonbury CC: Somerset v Surrey; Leamington Spa CC: Warwickshire v Worcestershire.

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Milk Race (Eleventh stage: Coventry circuit).

EQUESTRIANISM: South of England show (at Ardingly).
GOLF: Wilson club professionals championship (at Royal St David's); Glenmuir assistants' championship (at Dalmahoy); Wang Four Stars (at Moor Park); Curtis Cup (at Royal St George's).
MOTORCYCLING: Isle of Man TT races.
SQUASH RACKETS: Dunlop champion of champions (at Cannons Club, London EC4).
TENNIS: Davis Cup: European zone: Semi-final: Great Britain v Finland (at Bristol); Ireland v Norway (at Belfast); Stella Artois championships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington); Dow Chemicals classic (at Edgbaston); Royal Bank of Scotland championships (at Craigiockart).
YACHTING: Weymouth Olympic week.

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL 1988: ITV 4 a.m. (tomorrow): Chicago v Houston.
FOOTBALL: European championship: ITV 6.30-9.05 p.m. Live coverage. BBC1 10.20 p.m. Highlights: West Germany v Italy from Düsseldorf.
RACING: C4 2.25 p.m.: 2.30, 3.0, 3.30 and 4.0 races from Sandown Park. 2.45, 3.15, 3.45 and 4.15 races from York.
RUGBY LEAGUE: BBC North East/North West 6 a.m. (tomorrow): Australia v Great Britain: Live coverage from Sydney.
TENNIS: BBC2 2.20-5.30 p.m. Highlights: 12.20 a.m.: Stella Artois championships: Coverage from Queen's Club, West Kensington.

TRY THIS

Paul Maher's suggestion for a sporting day out

UNITED KINGDOM MASTERS ARCHERY TOURNAMENT: Chorley, Lancashire, is the venue for this top class senior invitation event for grand master and master bowmen, the highest standard which takes, on average, four to five seasons to attain depending on dedication and natural ability.

Two types of bow are used. The traditional longbow is more difficult to control than its counterpart but is favoured increasingly at club level because of the greater satisfaction it affords. The majority of archers, however, and particularly in top competition, use the recurve bow, a scientific piece of equipment that can cost up to £500. Preferred for consistancy at distance, it has stabilizers to take the shake out of the hand and a sight to assist accuracy.

The Masters is an individual event, in which men and women compete separately; each group shoots at a target from four distances ranging from 90 metres for men and 70 for women to 30 metres, with the winners accumulating the most golds, the centre of the target, over the two days.

How to get there: Royal Ordnance Sports Club, Chorley Bowman's Ground, Euxton Lane, is on the B 5252, one mile north of Chorley. Junction 28 on M6 or junction eight on M61. No charge for entry and parking at the club. Competition starts tomorrow and Sunday at 10 a.m.

Yesterday's results

Newbury

Going: good to soft

2.0 (1m) 1, IMPERIAL FRIEND (D Biggs, 10-1); 2, Ultra Pistol (W Unwin, 9-2); 3, Dark Heritage (R Price, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Spankford Lad (4th), 11-2 Court Town (5th), 7 Dark Rosaan, 10 Poniard, Sphinx, Al-Torfanan, 16 Aitch N' Bee, 33 Church Star (6th). 11 ran. 5l, ¾l, 3l, ¼l, 12l. C Hill at Barnstaple. Tote: £19.60: £4.00, £1.70. £3.20. DF: £278.70. CSF: £54.67. Tricast: £515.42. 1min 41.70sec.

2.30 (6f) 1, DAY SHIFT (S Raymont, 10-1); 2, Hafir (B Rouse, 4-1 fav); 3, Granny Cartwright (W Newnes, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Aireel, 6 Runcible Cat (4th), 7 You Are A Star, 12 Song Of Honour, 14 Temporale, 20 Martinosky (5th), Master Of Arts, 33 Beaumont's Keep (6th), Ottoman Prince, Tread Lika Prince. 13 ran. hd, 3l, hd, 1½l, nk. J Tree at Beckhampton. Tote: £10.20: £2.90, £1.30, £4.10. DF: £45.20. £40.07. 1min 15.90sec. Honour The Wind (6-11) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in pound. Honour the Wind was withdrawn and did not come under starter's orders.

3.0 (1m 4f) 1, FICEA (M Roberts, 5-1); 2, Professional Girl (W Carson, 11-2); 3, Song Of Sixpence (T Ives, 5-1); 3, Joseph (T Williams, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Chant Line, 7 Mushtaag (5th), 12 Celtic Ring (6th), High Tension, 14 Angel City, 33 Snow Huntress. 10 ran. ¾l, sh hd, dead heat, 1½l, nk. M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £5.40; £1.90, £1.90, Song Of Sixpence 90p, Joseph £1.60. DF: £10.40. CSF: £30.88. Tricasts: Picea, Professional Girl & Song Of Sixpence £66.29. Picea, Professional Girl & Joseph £132.48. 2min 42.29sec.

3.30 (6f) TATOUMA (M Hills, 8-13 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Dona Krista (B Rouse, 8-1); 3, Firm Hint (T Quinn, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Bella Rossi (4th), 4 ran. 1l, nk, 20l. B Hills at Manton. Tote: £1.50. DF: £4.20. CSF: £4.78. 1min 15.75sec.

4.0 (1m 4f) 1, ATLAAL (S Cauthen, 4-11 fav); 2, St Cadoc (M Hills, 9-4). 2 ran. 3l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.30. 2min 41.77sec.

4.30 (1m 5f 60yd) 1, URIZEN (S Cauthen, 100-30); 2, Henbane (G Starkey, 7-4 fav); 3, Crime Passionnel (P Cook, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Nicolaki (5th), Old Kilpatrick (4th), 10 Quip, 16 Burnet (6th), 25 Rainbow Brite, 33 Okaz. Good Chance. 10 ran. Nk, 5l, 2½l, sh hd, 10l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £3.60: £1.10, £1.70, £2.70. DF: £4.10. CSF: £9.16. 2min 58.32sec.

5.0 (1m 3f) 1, OSTURA (T Quinn, 5-1); 2, Sexton (B Rouse, 8-1); 3, Stag Parlour (S Cauthen, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Vintage, 13-2 Knock Knock (5th), 7 Fetcham Park (4th), 11 Bohea Destroyer, 12 Sporting Idol, 20 Far Too Risky, Impunity, 25 Treasack, 33 Johnny Dangerously, Wappenbury Hall, Thornberry Hill, L'Enchere (6th). 15 ran. 10l, 3l, 2l, 3l, hd, P Cole at Whitsbury. Tote: £5.80; £2.00, £3.40, £4.30. DF: £24.00. CSF: £42.29. Tricast: £475.87. 2min 26.17sec.

Jackpot: £7,697.60 0.1 ticket (Pool of £9,362.03 to Sandown Park today)
Placepot: £75.60.

Beverley

Going: good

2.15 (7f 100yd) 1, SUPER TRIP (W Ryan, 5-1); 2, Grossen (L Charnock, 4-1); 3, Next Dance (P Burke, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Glory Gold (5th), 9-2 Timeswitch, 15-2 Roof Ghost (4th), 14 Super Trucker, 25 Serilby Connection (6th), 33 Tino Reppin, Vitigeson, Puncle Creak. 11 ran. hd, 3l, 1l, nk, nk. M Fetherstone-Godley at East Ilsley. Tote: £6.30: £2.20, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £14.70. CSF: £24.67. Tricast: £110.99.

2.45 (5f) 1, RYAN'S GIRL (M Birch, 10-11 fav); 2, Petongs Weeyin (D Nicholls, 7-2); 3, Kelly's Lad (M Wigham, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Remwood Girl (5th), 10 Tell Me This (4th), 12 Il Vero Padrino (6th), 14 Tai Ping Shan, 16 Brave Melody, 20 Jestmenot. 9 ran. 1½l, 2½l, nk, ½l, 2l. C Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £1.60: £1.10, £1.50, £3.00. DF: £3.10. CSF: £5.72. Bought in 2,800gns.

3.15 (5f) 1, BARRYS GAMBLE (S Whitworth, 4-5 fav; Mandarin & Michael Seely's nap); 2, Divine Guest (K Darley, 9-2); 3, James Payne (R Cochrane, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Waslman (6th), 11 City Code (5th), 33 Sapience (4th). 6 ran. 4l, ½l, 2l, 2l. 10l. T Fairhurst at Middleham. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £2.50. DF: £3.40. CSF: £4.88.

3.45 (1m 4f) 1, ARDEN (W Ryan, 11-10); 2, Pipsted (Paul Eddery, 8-11 fav), 2 ran. 10l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70.

4.15 (2m) 1, TIMMINION (P Burke, 5-4 fav); 2, Eurocon (D Nicholls, 8-1); 3, Uno's Pet (G Bardwell, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Queen Of Swords, 7 Image Of War, 8 Free Skip (5th), 20 Miss Mariposa, 25 Only Joking, 33 Glo Noble (4th), Nicophana (6th), 50 Sand Clipper, Highsted. 12 ran. NR: Mandalay Prince, Smack. ½l, 10l, 2½l, 2½l, 2l. P Charlton at Malton. Tote: £1.90: £1.30, £1.70, £2.00. DF: £5.70. CSF: £12.14. Tricast: £81.52.

4.45 (1m 2f) 1, ICHI BAN SON (R P Elliott, 10-1); 2, Kirkby Fiyar (Dean McKeown, 13-2); 3, Bernsby Benz (M Birch, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Lady Lax, 11-2 Footstool, Rapid Lad, 7 Mailman, 8 Act Of Treason, 10 Sally Thomas (5th), 14 Dalby Dancer, Regent Lad (4th), 33 Augersberg, Castle Melody, Abadare (6th). 14 ran. sh hd, 2½l, 1½l, 3l, ¾l. A Smith at Beverley. Tote: £18.00; £3.70, £2.30, £5.90. DF: £43.90. CSF: £77.31. Tricast: £687.06.

Placepot: £15.80.

Wednesday's late details

Beverley

Going: good

7.35 (5f) 1, Northern Line (D Nicholls, 4-5 fav); 2, Katherines Emerald (7-4); 3, Marcroft (7-1). 5 ran. Nk, 1½l, M W Easterby. Tote: £1.90: £1.30, £1.50. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.67.

8.5 (1m 100yd) 1, Pacific Gull (G Starkey, 100-30); 2, Holdenby (14-1); 3, Gibbot (12-1). Implore 5-2 fav. 11 ran. ¾l, hd, 8l. Hills. Tote: £3.60; £1.90, £3.30. £2.80. DF: £29.70. CSF: £45.51. Tricast: £466.41.

8.35 (2m) 1, Gold Tint (G Starkey, 4-6 fav); 2, Winter Nightfall (16-1); 3, Campsie Spring (33-1). 10 ran. 10l, 12l. G Harwood. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £3.40, £11.80. DF: £10.50. CSF: £12.82.

9.5 (1m 4f) 1, Good Mood (N Connorton, 13-2); 2, Brooklimo (16-1); 3, Al Asoof (9-2). Lady Verdi 7-2 fav. 9 ran. ¾l, hd. J Watts. Tote: £6.80; £1.90, £3.60, £1.40. DF: £42.70. CSF: £85.48. Tricast:

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Shadow Minister to seal double for Stoute team

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Michael Stoute and Walter Swinburn look the combination to follow today at Sandown Park where Hello Vaigly (2.30) and Shadow Minister (3.30) are the makings of a likely double for the redoubtable Beech Hurst team.

Hello Vaigly, my selection for the Chrysalis Music Publishing Handicap, has already recorded one victory over the course and distance this season. That was when he swept to a comfortable two-length success during the recent Bank Holiday programme even under the steadier of 9st 7lb. As he won much more easily than the judge's verdict might indicate, I find it hard to fancy the third horse Mariano even on 2lb better terms.

Shadow Minister, my selection for the Chrysalis Records Trophy over nine furlongs, gave the impression that he was crying out for a bit further when I watched him finish a close fourth behind Jamarj, Quinlan Terry and Persian Emperor over a mile at Haydock Parktowards the end of last month.

While the same comment also applied to Quinlan Terry, who has since proved the point by winning over a mile and a quarter at Epsom, I still



Mark Birch: fancied ride on Tenofus at York

feel that Shadow Minister should be capable of beating him now on 7lb better terms.

Willie Carson looks booked for two winners, Singing Steven (3.0) and Penny Forum (4.0).

In going for Singing Steven to win the Chrysalis Television Claiming Stakes, I am banking on class overcoming the effect of an indifferent draw.

Penny Forum has a distinct chance of winning the Air Studios Handicap with only 8st 4lb to carry.

At York, I give Sparky Lad a good chance of capturing the Innovative Marketing Sprint Handicap over six furlongs even though he has been campaigned exclusively over a bit further so far this season.

If the consistent Royal Sam is beaten again, compensation for local trainer Peter Easterby and jockey Mark Birch can come in the form of Tenofus winning the *Mail On Sunday* Handicap now that he has a low draw which appears to be so important on that seven-furlong dog-legged course on the Knavesmire.

The Shepherd Construction Apprentice Handicap can go to Waterlow Park, who hacked up by 10 lengths in a similar race at Brighton, while Thorner Lane can go one better in the Bass Handicap.

Having finished third to the subsequent Woodcote Stakes winner, Sno Serenade, at Wolverhampton first time out, Consulate looks a decent bet to win the St John Ambulance Maiden Stakes at Doncaster this evening when an even more attractive proposition should be Yalciyna, who is napped to continue her trainer Luca Cumani's remarkable success story for the Aga Khan by winning the Yorkshire Television Fillies Handicap.

Blinkered first time

SANDOWN: 4.0 Penny Forum. YORK: 3.15 Tauber. 3.45 Walmsfordmargaret, Payvashooz, Pelham Place. DONCASTER: 8.15 Peter Martin, Cammac Lad. 9.15 Alvin York, Jackson Blue. CHEPSTOW: 8.0 Little Lolita. 8.30 Joie De Rose, Love Legend, Social Asset.

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Debach Dust.	2.00 Debach Dust.
2.30 *Hello Vaigly.*	2.30 *Hello Vaigly.*
3.00 Singing Steven.	3.00 Gilberto.
3.30 Shadow Minister.	3.30 Shadow Minister.
4.00 Penny Forum.	4.00 —
4.35 Cape Pigeon.	4.35 Blakes Son.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.30 Norquay.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 SINGING STEVEN.

Going: good **Draw: high numbers best**

2.0 MAM LEISURE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,893: 5f) (15 runners)

103	(2)	0	BLAZING REALM 17 (Mascalls Stud Farm) P Makin 8-11	B Raymond 95
105	(15)	0	DEBACH DUST 11 (J Miller) M Tompkins 8-11	G Duffield 97
106	(4)	60	DOUBLE HANDFULL 25 (J Rowland) P Arthur 8-11	NON-RUNNER —
107	(7)	0	FANSHAW GOLDBERG 8 (BF) (S Lynn) M Fetherston-Godley 8-11	T Ives 90
108	(9)	0	FORUM FLEET 11 (*The Forum Ltd*) J Sutcliffe 8-11	W Carson —
109	(6)	32	MY AUDREES 23 (A Speake) P Mitchell 8-11	S Whitworth ● 99
110	(8)	0	NITE NITE LOUISA 17 (P Johnston) G Lewis 8-11	G Sexton —
112	(3)		'ALLO 'ALLO (Lord McAlpine) R Smyth 8-8	A Morris (7) —
114	(1)		FLOATING AWAY (J Ward Hill) G Lewis 8-8	Paul Eddery —
115	(13)		JALJULI (*W Gredley*) *R Armstrong 8-8*	M Roberts —
116	(14)		MILLASS (A Richards) C Austin 8-8	N Adams —
117	(12)		QUEENS COURIER (Cresprond Ltd) M Haynes 8-8	R Fox —
118	(11)		RED HOT LADY (I Rosenberg) R Voorspuy 8-8	W Newnes —
119	(10)		RUSSIAN EXPRESS (Mrs V O'Brien) P Arthur 8-8	NON-RUNNER —
121	(5)		STEFFANI LADY (*Mrs D Swinburn*) J Winter 8-8	W R Swinburn —

BETTING: 5-2 My Audrees, 4-1 Jaljuli, 11-2 Floating Away, 7-1 Fanshaw Goldberg, 8-1 Steffani Lady, 10-1 Blazing Realm, Debach Dust, 14-1 others.

1987: ABAYA 8-8 Pat Eddery (4-6 fav) J Tree 14 ran

2.30 CHRYSALIS MUSIC PUBLISHING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,262: 7f) (15 runners) C 4

203	(15)	1-4	BRIERY FILLE 69 (C,S) (C Linney) R Williams 9-7	G Duffield	86
205	(11)	0-401	HELLO VAIGLY 11 (CD,G) (T Sellar) M Stoute 9-6 (5ex)	W R Swinburn ●	99
206	(3)	1-04	*BUZZARDS CREST 25 (D,S) (Naboricrest Ltd) H Collingridge 9-5*	M Rimmer	82
207	(8)	043-000	ISLA BRIDGE 11 (F,G) (J Etherton) J Payne 9-5	—	87
209	(10)	4241-0	SILENT SISTER 69 (S) (C Blackwell) J Winter 9-1	Paul Eddery	89
210	(9)	24-0	KAWWAS 18 (BF) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-13	M Roberts	88
212	(14)	0032-00	TOP ONE 32 (E Holding) E Eldin 8-8	M L Thomas	83
213	(13)	430-003	MARIANO 11 (*D Montagu*) J Dunlop 8-8	W Carson	86
214	(2)	00-0	SARNIA SOUND 34 (T Taylor) M Tompkins 8-2	W Newnes	80
215	(6)	111004	BATCHWORTH DANCER 6 (S) (Mrs D Price) M Brittain 8-1	J Quinn (5)	91
216	(4)	3040-03	MAX HEADROOM 27 (C Wright) D Laing 8-0	T Williams	95
218	(1)	4-304	HIP HIP HURRY 8 (E Holding) G Lewis 7-13	R Fox	90
220	(5)	000-	AMPHOTERIC VENTURE 220 (D Bass) R Akehurst 7-13	—	82
222	(7)	000-	THORNDEN 315 (Thornfield Securities Ltd) R Akehurst 7-10	N Adams	—
224	(12)	0-00	ALLO BLUE 20 (P Williamson) P Mitchell 7-8	C Rutter	98

BETTING: 7-2 Hello Vaigly, 6-1 Mariano, 7-1 Kawwas, 8-1 Max Headroom, 10-1 Briery Fille, 12-1 Hip Hip Hurray, Batchworth Dancer, 14-1 Top One, Silent Sister, 16-1 others.

1987: MUHIM 8-12 Pat Eddery (5-1 fav) P Walwyn 17 ran

FORM BRIERY FILLE (8-9) 10¾l 4th to Inchmurrin (8-13) at Kempton (1m, £7,505, soft, April 2, 8 ran) with SILENT SISTER (8-9) 6th.
HELLO VAIGLY (9-7) 2l winner from Southern Sky (9-3) at Sandown (7f h'cap, £3,667, good, May 30, 15 ran) with MARIANO (8-11) 3rd and ISLA BRIDGE (9-7) unplaced.
BUZZARDS CREST (9-4) 13½l 4th to Polar Gap (9-4) at Wolverhampton (1m 1f grad, £1,063, firm, May 16, 6 ran).

KAWWAS (9-0) 3l 5th to Kissagram Queen (8-11) at Bath (5f mdn, £2,084, firm, May 23, 19 ran).
BATCHWORTH DANCER (8-1) 1¼l 4th to Cor De Chasse (8-4) at Epsom (7f claim, £4,525, good, June 4, 19 ran).
MAX HEADROOM (8-12) 4l 3rd to Pelorus (9-7) at Newbury (1m h'cap, £4,838, firm, May 14, 20 ran).
Selection: HELLO VAIGLY

3.0 CHRYSALIS TELEVISION CLAIMING STAKES (£6,492: 5f) (11 runners) C 4

301	(7)	240300	CRAGSIDE 9 (F,S) (Quorn Bloodstock) G Moore 6-9-5	W Newnes	84
303	(2)	00-0040	SINGING STEVEN 9 (V,D,F,G,S) (Dr S Bennett) R Hannon 4-9-5	W Carson ●	99
305	(8)	00-0200	RESPECT 22 (CD,BF,F,G) (R Richmond-Watson) D Laing 5-8-12	T Williams	87
306	(4)	2201-30	DISTANT RULER 39 (D,BF,S) (A Smith) C Nelson 4-8-9	Paul Eddery	73
307	(10)	430-000	GILBERTO 13 (F,G) (Racegoers Club Owners Group) J Winter 4-8-9	W R Swinburn	84
308	(11)	0-00404	PHILIP 13 (B,D,F,G,S) (D Marley) N Tinkler 8-8-9	—	79
309	(6)	00-0000	LOCHTILLUM 18 (D,F,G,S) (J Douglas-Home) J Douglas-Home 9-8-7	P Cook	57
310	(3)	02-0001	SKI CAPTAIN 10 (CD,G,S) (J Etherington) J Etherington 4-8-7	—	74
313	(1)		BOLD ATTEMPT (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-3	M Roberts	—
315	(9)	0-10040	NO BEATING HARTS 10 (D,F,S) (C Taylor) M McCormack 5-8-3	C Rutter	70
316	(5)	00440-0	SUSSARANDO 11 (B) (M Walsh) D Elsworth 4-8-1	G Duffield	—

BETTING: 100-30 Singing Steven, 9-2 Respect, 5-1 Ski Captain, 15-2 Distant Ruler, 9-1 Cragside, 12-1 No Beating Harts, 14-1 Gilberto, Sussarando, 16-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM CRAGSIDE (6-5) 1l 5th to Durham Place (7-12) at Epsom (5f h'cap, £15,452, good, June 1, 14 ran) with SINGING STEVEN (10-0) 2½l 7th.
RESPECT (9-2) head 2nd to Albert Henry (8-3) at Sandown (5f h'cap, £8,025, good to soft, April 22, 12 ran) with NO BEATING HARTS (8-2) 7th and LOCHTILLUM (8-2) 8th.

DISTANT RULER (9-12) 1l 3rd to Barnby Don (8-0) at Warwick (5f h'cap, £1,643, good to soft, April 4, 16 ran) with NO BEATING HARTS (9-3) 2½l 5th.
SKI CAPTAIN (8-13) head winner from Another Rhythm (8-12) at Sandown (5f claim, £3,335, good to soft, May 31, 14 ran) with NO BEATING HARTS (8-7) 2l 6th.
Selection: SKI CAPTAIN

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Tree	7	27	25.9
M Stoute	23	107	21.5
I Balding	8	42	19.0
R Williams	7	39	17.9
D Arbuthnot	4	24	16.7
J Sutcliffe	5	30	16.7

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Cochrane	18	98	18.4
W R Swinburn	23	125	18.4
A Kimberley	4	22	18.2
T Ives	10	64	15.6
M Roberts	8	55	14.5
Paul Eddery	6	51	11.8

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3.30 CHRYSALIS RECORDS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,096: 1m 1f) (12 runners) C 4

401	(10)	13-0	IRNAN 74 (BF,S) (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 9-7	T Ives	80
404	(1)	0-3134	SHADOW MINISTER 13 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-5	W R Swinburn	90
405	(9)	0-32204	RAISE YOURSELF 21 (G,S) (J Gorey) D Lang 9-3	T Williams	89
407	(11)	102-003	DIRECTORS' CHOICE 11 (C,F) (P Scarborough) D Wilson 9-2	C Rutter	86
408	(5)	20-1130	MY LAMB 13 (G,S) (Mrs J De Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 9-2	W Newnes	84
409	(4)	0-2121	QUINLAN TERRY 7 (G,S) (Lady Fairhaven) M Prescott 9-0 (7ex)	G Duffield	93
414	(12)	1-04003	VIVIENDA 6 (S) (C Wright) D Arbuthnot 8-10	M Roberts	89
418	(2)	2-22	NORQUAY 49 (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-2	T Ives	90
419	(7)	000-	SUPER GUNNER 309 (J Maxwell) M Fetherston-Godley 7-11	R Fox	80
420	(8)	243-100	BIG FINISH 25 (S) (Mrs A Richards) H O'Neill 7-11	N Adams	90
421	(6)	2100	FOND KISS 11 (S) (C Cyzer) S Norton 7-10	B Crossley ●	99
422	(3)	0-001	MARCH BIRD 14 (F) (A Nolan) J Sutcliffe 7-10 (4ex)	W Carson	88

BETTING: 4-1 Shadow Minster, 9-2 Quinlan Terry, 6-1 Norquay, Fond Kiss, 7-1 March Bird, 10-1 Iman, My Lamb, 14-1 others.

1987: SLIM HOPE 9-3 W R Swinburn (7-1) M Stoute 13 ran

FORM SHADOW MINISTER (8-13) 1l 4th to Jamarj (9-7) at Haydock (1m h'cap, £17,506, good to firm, May 28, 15 ran) with QUINLAN TERRY (8-1) short head 2nd and MY LAMB (8-10) 4½l 8th.
RAISE YOURSELF (9-0) 5¼l 4th to Rawnak (8-10) at Newmarket (7f, £11,394, good, May 20, 7 ran).
QUINLAN TERRY (8-13) 1l winner from Thethingaboutthis (8-8) at Epsom (1m 2f h'cap, £17,50b, good, June 3, 8 ran).
NORQUAY (8-11) 2½l 2nd to Kahyasi (9-2) at Sandown (1m grad, £4,143, good to soft, April 22, 6 ran).
MARCH BIRD (8-2) 1½l winner from Samella Jack (7-9) at Goodwood (1m h'cap, £3,366, good to firm, May 27, 9 ran).
Selection: NORQUAY

4.0 AIR STUDIOS HANDICAP (£5,025: 1m 6f) (12 runners) C 4

502	(3)	104/000-	COINAGE 378 (F) (Mrs J De Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 5-9-12	T Ives	—
505	(10)	13420-0	NORTHERN ALLIANCE 20 (D,F,S) (Mrs A Judd) G Lewis 4-9-4	Paul Eddery	84
506	(8)	000	GALACTO BOY 20 (J Moynihan) C Horgan 4-9-4	P Cook	—
508	(12)	400-41	DOUBLE DUTCH 36 (D,G) (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 4-8-1	W Newnes	90
509	(7)	12-0000	FLOOD MARK 20 (F) (J Clark) P Butler 4-8-0	—	● 99
510	(9)	4/0030-	PECHE D'OR 35J (D Hudd) P Cundell 4-8-8	S Whitworth	95
512	(5)	001023	SAN CARLOS 10 (CD,F,S) (Mrs S Crowe) A Ingham 6-8-6	R Fox	93
513	(4)	04-3032	PENNY FORUM 28 (B,D,BF,G) (R Surridge) J Sutcliffe 4-8-4	W Carson	93
516	(1)	00424-0	TROPICAL BOY 13 (R Hendry) R Voorspuy 4-7-11	J Carter (5)	88
518	(2)	33-0204	CAMILLA'S GIRL 39 (G) (Mrs J Cash) T Hallett 4-7-10	N Adams	93
519	(6)	0201-02	FIRE ROCKET 13 (F) (J Thompson) P Bailey 5-7-9	C Rutter	94
521	(11)	0330/00-	MOON JESTER 84J (G,S) (J White) J Cosgrave 8-7-7	M L Thomas	—

Long handicap: Moon Jester 7-2.

BETTING: 9-2 Double Dutch, 5-1 Penny Forum, San Carlos, 11-2 Fire Rocket, 7-1 Northern Alliance, 8-1 Camilla's Girl, 12-1 Peche D'Or, Tropical Boy, 16-1 others.

1987: INDIAN ORATOR 4-8-12 W R Swinburn (11-8 fav) R Akehurst 6 ran

FORM DOUBLE DUTCH (8-4) 1½l winner from Somebody (9-1) at Salisbury (1m 6f h'cap, £2,897, good, May 5, 17 ran) with PENNY FORUM (7-7) 2¼l 3rd.
FLOOD MARK (8-7) 12½l 5th to Staten Island (7-9) at Lingfield (1m 4f h'cap, £5,681, May 21, 7 ran).
SAN CARLOS (7-2) 2l 3rd to Faux Pavilion (8-11) at Sandown (1m 6f h'cap, £3,350, good to soft, May 31, 12 ran).
CAMILLA'S GIRL (8-4) 10½l 4th to Celtic Dove (8-5) at Warwick (1m 6f 180yd h'cap, £2,595, good to soft, May 2, 13 ran).
FIRE ROCKET (8-2) 1½l 2nd to Celtic Dove (8-10) at Warwick (1m 6f 180yd h'cap, £1,770, good to firm, May 28, 14 ran).
Selection: SAN CARLOS

4.35 LASGO EXPORTS MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,472: 1m 2f) (23 runners)

602	(14)	03	AMUNDSEN 10 (*Sheikh Mohammed*) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	92
603	(7)	403-233	BLAKES SON 27 (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0	Paul Eddery	89
605	(21)	20	BUSTED ROCK 10 (E Holding) Mrs L Piggott 9-0	—	97
606	(10)	3-0	CAPE PIGEON 55 (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 9-0	T Ives ●	99
608	(3)	00-	GULF PALACE 221 (BF) (F Salman) H Candy 9-0	W Newnes	75
609	(15)		HARRY LIME (*Lord McAlpine*) *W Hern 9-0*	W Carson	—
610	(17)		KADIR (Hamdan Al Maktoum) J Tree 9-0	R Guest	—
611	(1)		KING OF SIAM (J Pearce) G Wragg 9-0	G Sexton	—
613	(13)	4-	MATLUB 367 (Hamdan Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0	M Roberts	—
619	(11)	00-040	RUSTIC COMEDY 10 (Mrs R Kitchen) D Elsworth 9-0	—	87
620	(6)	0	SPORTING WEDNESDAY 20 (Roldvale Ltd) C Horgan 9-0	P Cook	—
622	(19)	24-2	TIMOTHY'S TOY 10 (W Gredley) C Britain 9-0	—	98
627	(18)		ARMENIA (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-11	S Raymont	—
628	(2)		BEAUCHAMP CREST (E Penser) J Dunlop 8-11	A Clark	—
629	(12)		BEST OF BRITISH (J Blumenow) D Arbuthnot 8-11	R Fox	—
631	(4)		CHAROSSA (R Reeves) Miss B Sanders 8-11	B Crossley	—
632	(16)	2	DAISY MILLER 36 (D Hudd) P Cundell 8-11	S Whitworth	78
633	(23)		FORULI (J Edwards) R Voorspuy 8-11	—	—
635	(9)		MEGAN'S FLIGHT (M Cowdrey) Lady Herries 8-11	A Kimberley	—
637	(8)	004	OUBLIER L'ENNUI 7 (N Goymer) Miss B Sanders 8-11	R Hills (5)	94
638	(22)	0-0	SHESHELLS 20 (Mrs D Myers) R Armstrong 8-11	R Carant	—
639	(20)	4-000	SUZY LORENZO 11 (J De Mestre) D Laing 8-11	A Shoults (3)	71
640	(5)	0-	UNIQUE 268 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11	C McNamee	—

BETTING: 5-1 Amundsen, 11-2 Timothy's Toy, 6-1 Cape Pigeon, 7-1 Blakes Son, 8-1 Busted Rock, 10-1 Harry Lime, Matlub, 12-1 Armenia, 14-1 others.

1987: POWDERED BID 9-0 G Carter (11-1) G Pritchard-Gordon 11 ran

Barrys Gamble earns Ascot tilt

Middleham trainer Tommy Fairhurst attempts to land his first Royal Ascot winner next week with Barrys Gamble, who won by four lengths at Beverley yesterday. Simon Whitworth has cancelled a trip to Germany so that he can partner the flying two-year-old in the Windsor Castle Stakes on Friday.

Fairhurst said: "I think Barrys Gamble is one of the smartest two-year-olds I've had, and I got him for just 3,200 guineas. I'm really looking forward to next week. "I've been training since 1969 and the nearest I've got to having a winner at the Royal meeting was with Paduca, who finished fourth."

CHEPSTOW

Selections

By Mandarin

6.0 Stage Villain. 6.30 Memphis Blues. 7.0 Saint Nicholas. 7.30 Mansio. 8.0 Tanoda. 8.30 London Standard. 9.0 Ikdam.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.0 Beachwood Cottage. 6.30 Gold Ducat. 7.0 St Elmo's Fire. 8.30 Mummy's Charmer. 9.0 Coogee Girl.

Michael Seely's nap: 9.0 BRAVO STAR

Going: good **Draw: high numbers best**

6.0 ORSINO STAKES (Div I: amateurs: £1,977: 7f) (14 runners)

1	0231	BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 10 (B,D,F,G,S) A Bailey 5-10-4	Sharon Morgatroyd 2	
4	0/	BRUNDEAN BREEZE 7J R Juckes 7-10-0	Emma Keegan 10	
9		SCARNING ST JOHN K Cunningham-Brown 4-10-0	Denise Pomeroy (5) 12	
10	10-0	SEAMERE 13 (F) B Cambidge 5-10-0	J Cambidge 6	
12	3/	TIMES ARE HARD 629 O O'Neill 4-10-0	J Ryan 3	
17	0	*OLD PARK LANE 18 K Ivory 4-9-11*	*D Marshall 11*	
18		PEWTER PETA 11J G Roe 4-9-11	D Bennyworth 13	
19	030-	PRINCEABLE LADY 11J (D) N Gaselee 4-9-11	N Dobenteam 1	
22	0-00	STREET LEVEL 82 (S) H O'Neill 7-9-11	Pip Jones 5	
23	00/0	SWEET SALORA 13 M Tate 6-9-11	S Tate (5) 14	
26	-100	STAGE VILLAIN 6 (F) B Hills 3-9-6	Carolyn Eddery 4	
28		BALLYBAWN J Fox 3-8-2	S Fox (7) 7	
29	0	EL ZULFI 20 P Cole 3-9-2	Joanna Winter 8	
31	00	R A EXPRESS 28 B McMahon 3-9-2	Stephanie Baxter 9	

15-8 Stage Villain, 3-1 Beechwood Cottage, 5-1 Seamere, 13-2 El Zulfi, 8-1 *Street Level, 14-1 Times Are Hard.*

6.30 OLIVIA MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,831: 6f) (18)

2		AVONMOUTHSECRETARY R Holder 8-11	A Dicks 6
5	0	CHILD STAR 17 P Walwyn 8-11	N Howe 12
8		FAYGATE P Walwyn 8-11	C Rutter 1
10		GILLIES EXPRESS Mrs B Waring 8-11	G Baxter 5
11	0	GOLD DUCAT 24 W Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond 14
13		JEEDAMAYA D Arbuthnot 8-11	B Procter 10
18		LIFFEY REEF C Nelson 8-11	I Johnson 9
21	0	MAHJONG GIRL 31 D Murray-Smith 8-11	R Wentham 15
22	4	MEMPHIS BLUES 17 D Laing 8-11	T Williams 16
23	0	MISS CHALK 28 M Blanshard 8-11	N Adams 2
24	00	MISS PATDONNA 7 B Pating 8-11	J Williams 6
25	0	MISS SKINDLES 39 P Cole 8-11	T Quinn 17
26		NOALLETTA M Prescott 8-11	G Duffield 7
27	0	QUEEN ANGEL 17 R Hannon 8-11	G Starkey 3
28	0204	RAISE MEMORIES 14 S McMahon 8-11 M Lynch (5)	11
31	0	TASKALADY 34 M Brittain 8-11	— 18
32		VAIGRANT WIND C Nelson 8-11	S Whitworth 13
33	0	WEEKEND LAWYER 24 M Usher 8-11	A McGlone 4

9-4 Memphis Blues, 3-1 Queen Angel, 5-1 Miss Chalk, Miss Skindles, 6-1 Gold Ducat, 11-1 Miss Patdonna, 12-1 others.

7.0 ORSINO STAKES (Div II: amateurs: £1,973: 7f) (14)

2	00-0	MAIDEN BIDDER 19 (C,D,F,G) D A Wilson 5-10-4	Elaine Bronson 9
3	000	AINFIELD'S STAR 13 M McCormack 4-10-0	C Maude (5) 8
5	000-	CALYPSO KID 42J H O'Neill 4-10-0	Celia Radland 1
7	0000	CONVINCING 7 J Spearing 4-10-0	Teresa Spearing (5) 5
13	00-	UNITYFARM OLTOWNER 272 P Hobbs 4-10-0	Sarah Hobbs 3
15	0	GOOD SPORT 6J G Jones 3-9-11	J Cambidge 7
16	0000	HEAVENLY CAROL 11 (D,S) P Cundell 5-9-11	Lorraine Newbery (5) 2
20	0-2	RUSSLEY 4 M Francis 4-9-11	D Bennyworth 14
21		SARENA CISTERNS D Elsworth 4-9-11	Michelle Davies 11
24	0	SWINGING MOLLY 13 R Brazington 4-9-11	Heather McCaull 6
27	000-	ABOVE THE WIND 233 R Hannon 3-9-2	Elizabeth Gandolfo 10
33	10-0	SAINT NICHOLAS 67 (BF,G) C Nelson 3-9-2	Joanna Winter 12
34	1284	ST ELMO'S FIRE 8 (BF,S) M Prescott 3-9-2	Diana Jones 13
37	00	LADY HUNTER 8 M Charles 3-8-13	— 4

7-4 St Elmo's Fire, 5-2 Saint Nicholas, 4-1 Russley, 7-1 Maiden Bidder, 12-1 Convincing, Good Sport, 25-1 others.

7.30 MALVOLIO HANDICAP (£2,859: 1m) (17)

1	0004	METANNEE 11 M Francis 4-9-10	F Arrowsmith (7) 13	
3	0100	STAR OF IRELAND 11 (G,S) G Price 8-9-9	W Carson 7	
4	2-20	GREENHILL JAZZ TIME 41 R Simpson 4-9-8	J Curant 11	
5	2-00	GRUMBLE 13 (G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 6-9-7	— 2	
6	-044	SUPER LUNAR 29 L Cottrell 4-9-6	I Johnson 6	
7	-001	MANSIO 18 (F) H Candy 4-9-5	W Newnes 15	
8	00-0	DANCING DIANA 6 (C,D,F,S) R Hannon 4-9-5	G Starkey 8	
10	0-40	BAY BLUES 15 (BF) R Holder 4-9-3	B Raymond 1	
12	0000	RANKSTREET 4 (V,C,S) P Arthur 4-9-2	C Rutter 12	
16	3-30	STONEBROKER 11 (BF,G) D Haydn Jones 6-8-13	G Baxter 10	
17	0-03	SAUNDERS LASS 11 (F) R Holder 4-8-12	J Williams 16	
18	/04-	EVERY EFFORT 401 (D,F) R Holder 6-8-12	A Dicks 9	
20	-003	CHARMED PRINCE 13 (V,CD,F) D Laing 4-8-5	T Williams 17	
21	0000	CONCERT PITCH 11 (C,F,G,S) B Pating 9-8-3	D Biggs (7) 14	
26	-002	MY-ELAINE 11 M Brittain 4-7-12	G Duffield 5	
27	0000	BOOFY 18 (F) J Long 5-7-12	N Adams 4	
28	000/	GOLDEN BOY 753 F Jordan 6-7-7	L Riggio (5) 3	

7-2 Super Lunar, 4-1 Charmed Prince, My-Elaine, 9-2 Mansio, 13-2 Bay Blues, 8-1 Greenhill Jazz Time.

8.0 UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL TURF CLUB CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,408: 5f) (11)

1	0160	BLUE MONEY 37 (D,F) M McCormack 9-0	B Raymond 11	
11	10	MIA SCINTILLA 11 (D,BF,G) N Vigors 8-3	P Cook 3	
12	1	TANODA 6 (D,F) M Britain 8-3	G Duffield 7	
13		BANHAM COLLEGE C Wildman 8-2	C Rutter 6	
14		NEW STREET B Hanbury 8-2	I Ferguson (7) 5	
15	0330	LITTLE LOLITA 8 (B) R Hannon 7-13	W Carson 10	
18	00	GAY RUFFIAN 7 D Haydn Jones 7-12	R Price (7) 8	
19		LUCKY THROW D R Tucker 7-12	N Howe 1	
21	0	VICEROY GENERAL 66 R Holder 7-12	T Williams 2	
23	30	SAMANTHA JOSEPHINE 34 M McCourt 7-9	R Fox 4	
24	1	CALVANNE MISS 18 (F) C Hill 7-7	N Adams 9	

5-2 *New Street*, 3-1 *Blue Money*, 9-2 *Calvanne Miss*, 6-1 Little Lolita, 13-2 Tanoda, 8-1 Mia Scimilla, 12-1 others.

8.30 VIOLA HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,015: 6f) (20)

1	0-00	JOIE DE ROSE 37 (B,CD,S) M Blanshard 9-7	N Adams 2	
2	1030	MUMMY'S CHARMER 14 (BF,S) M Jarvis 9-5	B Raymond 8	
4	0200	EMMA TOM BAY 17 Mrs B Waring 9-4	R Fox 4	
5	2200	SWING LUCKY 34 (S) K Ivory 9-3	P Manning 17	
6	000-	PITY'S PET 232 O O'Neill 9-2	W Newnes 12	
9	4-00	DARING DELIGHT 4 M Britzen 8-12	NON-RUNNER 19	
12	-000	LOVE LEGEND 39 (B) D Arbuthnot 8-9	B Procter 3	
13	-300	GUADALMINA BOY 25 D Haydn Jones 8-8	G Baxter 6	
14	40-0	SOCIAL ASSET 22 (B) D Elsworth 8-7	G Duffield 11	
15	-000	BAKER CONTRACT 18 J M Bradley 8-7	I Johnson 9	
16	0-00	ALLO BLUE 20 P Mitchell 8-7	NON-RUNNER 7	
17	-200	LONDON STANDARD 25 (B) P Mitchell 8-6	S Whitworth 15	
18	-000	SAYANT 16 (B) N Vigors 8-5	P Cook 1	
19	0000	SECRET ARCH 7 B Pating 8-5	J Williams 16	
22	300-	SHADIA 284 P Cole 8-3	T Quinn 14	
24	000-	KACHINA MAID 239 L Cottrell 8-2	— 14	
25	0-00	THE BURDEN 24 (G) D Murray-Smith 8-2	R Wentham 18	
27	-001	MANDY'S LOVE 11 (CS) C Hill 8-1 (7ex)	*P D'Arcy 20*	
29	00-0	PARRSHHOLM 19 J Douglas-Home 7-11	T Williams 19	
30	0-04	PRAIRIE SISTER 24 R Hannon 7-11	W Carson 5	

7-2 Prairie Sister, 4-1 Mummy's Charmer, 6-1 London Standard, 8-1 Mandy's Love, 9-1 Emma Tom Bay.

9.0 VALENTINE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,450: 1m 4f) (16)

2	0203	MOON SUNSHINE 18 R Hannon 9-7	G Starkey 2	
3	-002	SUNNY HEIGHTS 18 C Nelson 9-4	I Johnson 5	
5	0001	IKDAM 11 (F) P Walwyn 9-2 (4ex)	N Howe 15	
6	0-00

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GROUP ONE

Beckenbauer must draw on tradition

WEST GERMANY

The hosts scarcely deserve to be regarded as the favourites in a field of such potentially high quality. They are surrounded by home comforts, their record in international competition over the last two decades is second to none, and they are renowned for their resilience.

Yet, individually and collectively, the West Germans have little else to support a strong case. Franz Beckenbauer has lost Allofs, one half of "as strong a combination of strikers as there is in Europe", and must replace him with a comparatively inexperienced forward such as Klinsmann or Eckstein.

Nor has the manager found a reliable replacement for Schumacher, a goal-keeper who has retired in disgrace. Nor does Herget fill the libero's role with the typical characteristics of precise distribution and, particularly, an unbreakable discipline. Nor have recent results, completed by a draw against Yugoslavia in Bremen, been encouraging.

Their strength lies in a heavily populated midfield, which features the creative talents of Matthaus, Thon and, on occasion, Littbarski, as well as the supporting full backs. It is also guarded at the rear by Rolff, the tightest of markers who imprisoned Maradona in the Berlin tournament.

How they qualified: Hosts.

RESULTS IN 1987-88: West Germany 2, France 1; West Germany 3, England 1; West Germany 1, Denmark 0; West Germany 1, Sweden 1; Hungary 0, West Germany 0; Brazil 1, West Germany 1; West Germany 1, Argentina 0.

Squad and numbers

GOALKEEPERS
E Immel (Stuttgart) (1)
B Illgner (Cologne) (12)

DEFENDERS
T Berthold (Verona) (14)
U Borowka (Werder Bremen) (6)
A Brehme (Bayern Munich) (3)
G Buchwald (Stuttgart) (2)
M Herget (Uerdingen) (5)
J Kohler (Cologne) (4)
H Pflugler (Bayern Munich) (15)
G Sauer (Werder Bremen) (19)

MIDFIELD PLAYERS
H Dorfner (Bayern Munich) (17)
L Matthäus (Bayern Munich) (8)
W Rolff (Bayer Leverkusen) (20)
O Thon (Schalke 04) (10)
W Wuttke (Kaiserslautern) (13)

FORWARDS
D Eckstein (Nürnberg) (16)
J Klinsmann (Stuttgart) (18)
P Littbarski (Cologne) (7)
F Mill (Borussia Dortmund) (11)
R Völler (Roma) (9)

In Mexico, where they reached the World Cup final, the Germans could afford to sit back and counter their opponents' challenge.

As they now carry the heavy expectations of their own fellow countrymen, they will be urged to follow a more positive course which could, in turn, damage their own security.

ITALY

This collection of youngsters is supposed to be merely rehearsing for a bigger stage. Enzo Bearzot's successor, Ezeglio Vicini, states that his squad has been assembled for one purpose, to continue a prolonged practice for the World Cup finals, to be held in their own land in 1990.

His players may not be so patient. Most of them have already tasted success by winning the European under-21 title two years ago. Their promise has been reinforced with the retention of such relatively elderly statesmen as Baresi, their sweeper, Bergomi, Altobelli and de Napoli — the only survivors from Mexico.

Their defence is built on the traditional foundations of granite. During the qualifying competition they conceded four goals in eight fixtures and their record included only one defeat, in Sweden. But the Italians are not limited to self-preservation, not with Donadoni and the enterprising Giannini.

Nor when Vialli is leading their attack. So highly rated in Italy that clubs are currently offering Sampdoria eight figure sums (in pounds, not lire!) for his signature, he has emerged from a quiet international introduction to score eight goals within the last 18 months. Mancini, his club colleague as well, has yet to make his first impact.

How they qualified

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	8	6	1	1	16	4	13
Sweden	8	4	2	2	12	5	10
Portugal	8	2	4	2	6	8	8
Switzerland	8	1	5	2	9	9	7
Malta	8	0	2	6	4	21	2

RESULTS: Italy 3, Switzerland 2; Malta 0, Italy 2; Italy 5, Malta 0; Portugal 0, Italy 1; Sweden 1, Italy 0; Switzerland 0, Italy 0; Italy 2, Sweden 1; Italy 3, Portugal 0.

Squad and numbers

GOALKEEPERS
W Zenga (Internazionale) (1)
S Tacconi (Juventus) (12)

DEFENDERS
G Bergomi (Internazionale) (3)
F Baresi (AC Milan) (2)
R Cravero (Torino) (4)
C Ferrara (Napoli) (5)
R Ferri (Internazionale) (6)
G Francini (Napoli) (7)
P Maldini (AC Milan) (8)

MIDFIELD PLAYERS
C Ancelotti (AC Milan) (9)
L De Agostini (Juventus) (10)
F De Napoli (Napoli) (11)
L Fusi (Sampdoria) (13)
G Giannini (Roma) (14)
F Romano (Napoli) (15)

FORWARDS
A Altobelli (Internazionale) (16)
R Donadoni (AC Milan) (17)
R Mancini (Sampdoria) (18)
R Rizzitelli (Cesena) (19)
G Vialli (Sampdoria) (20)

Altobelli carried them to the finals with six goals in the qualifying ties but, at 32, he is a veteran among youths.

There is unlikely to be any permanent room for him in Vicini's plans, which may come to fruition, though not fully, two years ahead of schedule.

SPAIN

Possibly the weakest nation in the field. They reached the final in 1984, but four years on, they cannot realistically expect to progress even half as far. There are too many holes in too many areas, which Butragueño, their outstanding individual, cannot disguise on his own.

Even he has lost form. Known as "the vulture", he has recently shown all the preditory instincts of a cuckoo. He failed to score in six qualifying ties, and has sheltered in the shadow of Hugo Sanchez at Real Madrid this season. His probable partner is the least experienced candidate.

Bakero, capped a mere five times, was credited with 17 of Real Sociedad's goals. His haul, surpassed only by Sanchez in the Spanish League, was high enough to persuade Barcelona to buy him, but the steep decline of Terry Venables's former club has not eased the problems of Miguel Munõz.

Without the injured and ageing Goicoechea and Maceda, he is so short of defenders that Gallego, naturally the heart of their midfield industry, is likely to be asked to assume a deeper and more negative role. It is not as if Spain's usual shield is an immovable barrier anyway.

Lincker, for example, pierced it four times in Madrid last year. Michel, elegance personified, and Victor may stir their creative imagination, but unless Butragueño catches his mood of Mexico, where he claimed five World Cup goals, Spain will be taking a long distance view of the closing stages.

How they qualified

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	8	5	0	1	14	6	10
Romania	8	4	1	1	13	3	9
Austria	8	2	1	3	6	9	5
Albania	8	0	0	8	2	17	0

RESULTS: Spain 1, Romania 0; Albania 1, Spain 2; Austria 2, Spain 3; Romania 3, Spain 1; Spain 2, Austria 0; Spain 5, Albania 0.

Squad and numbers

GOALKEEPERS
A Zubizarreta (Barcelona) (1)
F Buyo (Real Madrid) (13)

DEFENDERS
M Sanchis (Real Madrid) (8)
J Camacho (Real Madrid) (3)
M Soler (Español) (18)
R Gallego (Real Madrid) (14)
T Renones (Atlético Madrid) (2)
G Andrinua (Athletic Bilbao) (4)
D Rodriguez (Real Betis) (12)

MIDFIELD PLAYERS
J M Gonzalez (Real Madrid) (20)
R Martin Vazquez (Real Madrid) (19)
R Gordillo (Real Madrid) (11)
R Caldere (Barcelona) (6)
A Beguiristain (Barcelona) (17)
E Secristan (Atlético Madrid) (15)
V Munoz (Barcelona) (5)

FORWARDS
E Butragueño (Real Madrid) (9)
J Bakero (Barcelona) (16)
J Salinas (Atlético Madrid) (7)
E Olaya (Sporting Gijon) (10)

DENMARK

Night has apparently already fallen several times on the international career of Morten Olsen. Still persistently playing on into his 39th year, the captain is not the only Dane who will arrive bearing a personal flag of farewell. Five of his colleagues are also aged 30 or more.

Morten Olsen, who will collect his 100th cap if Denmark reach the semi-final, is certain of his place. Sepp Piontek is otherwise caught between choosing his other experienced but less dependable campaigners, such as Jesper Olsen and Laudrup, or promoting the youths from the Olympic side.

Laudrup, for example, failed for the first time in five years to score a single goal for Juventus this season, and Denmark's attack needs to be substantially sharper. In six qualifying ties, they broke down their opponents on only four occasions. Even Elkjaer, troubled by injury at Verona, has become blunt.

Poulsen and Vilfort are potentially exciting, but not necessarily more productive alternatives. Piontek's formation, gathered from all corners of the continent, will include three members of the PSV Eindhoven side which won the European Cup — Heintze, Nielsen and Lerby.

Lerby, a warrior who goes to war with his socks rolled down, will need to inject steel into Denmark's eratic character in their opening tie. Spain knocked them out of the tournament on penalties four years ago and, by a crushing 5-1 margin, out of the 1986 World Cup.

How they qualified

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	6	3	2	1	4	2	8
Czechoslovakia	6	2	3	1	7	5	7
Wales	6	2	2	2	7	5	6
Finland	6	1	1	4	4	10	3

RESULTS: Denmark 1, Finland 0; Czechoslovakia 0, Denmark 0; Finland 0, Denmark 1; Denmark 1, Czechoslovakia 1; Wales 1, Denmark 0; Denmark 1, Wales 0.

Squad and numbers

GOALKEEPERS
T Rasmussen (AGF Aarhus) (1)
P Schmeichel (Broendby) (16)

DEFENDERS
S Busk (Wiener SK) (3)
M Olsen (Cologne) (4)
I Nielsen PSV Eindhoven) (5)
J Heintze (PSV Eindhoven) (9)
J Sivebaek (St Etienne) (2)
L Olsen (Broendby) (12)
B Kristensen (AGF Aarhus) (19)

MIDFIELD PLAYERS
J Helt (Lyngby) (7)
S Lerby (PSV Eindhoven) (6)
J Olsen (Manchester United) (14)
J Jensen (Broendby) (13)
K Berggreen (Torino) (17)
P Frimann (Anderlecht) (8)
M Laudrup Juventus) (11)

FORWARDS
K Vilfort (Broendby) (20)
P Elkjaer (Verona) (10)
J Eriksen (Servette Geneva) (18)
F Povlsen (Cologne) (15)



Gullit: "If I wanted to be an individual I would take up tennis"

A dedicated team man bestriding Europe

Nine years ago Excelsior did a young Dutchman a favour, though he did not fully appreciate it at the time. In destroying Haarlem 6-0 in a League fixture, they released a 16-year-old from a defensive cocoon into a world of adventure in which he was to grow up to be a giant.

Ruud Gullit started his career in 1979 as a sweeper. The damage inflicted by Excelsior persuaded Haarlem to drop him and the experiment. He was brought back later, but in midfield, where he realised that "the closer I got to the opponent's goal, the happier I was."

Those competing against Haarlem, Feyenoord, PSV Eindhoven and AC Milan as well as The Netherlands have in turn regretted his progression. Instead of staying out of harm's way at the back, Gullit has since developed with his four clubs and his country into the most formidable forward in the game.

His presence alone, crowned by dreadlocks which have become a trademark, is awesome. Standing at over 6 ft 2 in and weighing 13 st 5 lb, he can cover 100 metres in a mere 11.2 sec. Tall, strong, quick and perfectly balanced, he is, in the words of Bobby Robson, "a magnificent physical specimen."

Delicate and powerful in equal proportions, Gullit is the complete player. As articulate as he is intelligent, he pays tribute to Cruyff and Van Hanegem, his principle tutors at Feyenoord. "By watching them, you learnt to find a way out of trouble. They were never caught in possession or wasted a pass."

Speaking in one of the four foreign languages he commands, he explains that he left his native land "because there are only three strong sides there. It was mostly a question of how big the margin of victory would be. You are rarely stretched and I've always been ambitious. I want to reach the heights."

Last season he climbed the Italian peak. AC Milan, who assessed his ability at £6 million, won the championship even without the assistance of Van Basten, his fellow countryman who injured an ankle in November. Can he now lead The Netherlands to the crest of Europe? He claims only that "we are ready."

Even though his appearance (his father is from Surinam) is so striking and his talent is so outstanding, he emphasises that he is no more than a member of a team. "If I wanted to be an individual, I would take up tennis", he says — no doubt to challenge Yannick Noah.

Platini, in his opinion, was the last of a dying breed of "players who run the show". Those who watched him pick up an imaginary baton and conduct the Dutch orchestra for an hour at Wembley three months ago would disagree. No one in the tournament is likely to be more influential.

He himself is convinced that Van Basten could be "our greatest weapon. He has a special ability to see goals and to make space when there appears to be none. After missing most of the season, he is so determined."

Yet, Gullit, the scorer of on average a goal every three games throughout his career for club and country, will be their sharpest instrument. Their captain, he will call their tune. A passionate follower of reggae music, incidentally, he has performed in concert in Milan's Palatrussardi Theatre.

Now he is about to step on to the biggest stage on the continent to display his extraordinary natural gifts. When he leaves it, he may take with him another trophy to accompany his title of European Footballer of the Year, an award he dedicated to Nelson Mandela.

Stuart Jones

NETHERLANDS

The new Dutch masters? No-one will paint a more attractive or especially a more varied picture than the gifted artists gathered by Rinus Michels, the designer of "total football". They are beginning to resemble the side he fashioned and took to the World Cup final 14 years ago.

Now, as then, the Netherlands are positionally as flexible as the wind. Gullit, Koeman and Rijkaard, their three most powerful individuals, each have the ability, for instance, to operate either as a libero at the back, a creator in midfield, or as the leader at the front.

Koeman, the Dutch footballer of the year, was the nation's third highest scorer with 21 goals, even though he was the organizer of PSV Eindhoven's defence. His club opened the season with 17 successive victories to build an unassailable lead in the Championship and closed it by winning the European Cup.

PSV and Ajax, the runners up in the Cup Winners' Cup, as well as in the League, form an extensive foundation of a line-up in which there are few visible weaknesses. Their attack is so strong that Kieft, though the leading domestic marksman, is likely to be kept in reserve.

If they impose a touch of restraint on their natural adventurous instincts, the Dutch could protect their outstanding claim to the title. If not, they may pay dearly for their vulnerability to rapid counter-attacks.

How they qualified

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Netherlands	8	6	2	0	15	1	14
Greece	8	4	1	3	12	13	9
Poland	8	3	2	3	9	11	8
Hungary	8	4	0	4	13	11	8
Cyprus	8	0	1	7	3	16	1

RESULTS: Hungary 0, Netherlands 1; Netherlands 0, Poland 0; Cyprus 0, Netherlands 2; Netherlands 1, Greece 1; Netherlands 2, Hungary 0; Poland 0, Netherlands 2; Netherlands 4, Cyprus 0; Greece 0, Netherlands 3.

Squad and numbers

GOALKEEPERS
J van Breukelen (PSV Eindhoven) (1)
J Hiele (Feyenoord) (16)

DEFENDERS
A van Tiggelen (Anderlecht) (2)
J Troost (Feyernoord) (3)
F Rijkaard (Real Zaragoza) (17)
W Koevermans (Fortuna Sittard) (15)
W Suvijn (Roda JC) (18)
R Koeman (PSV Eindhoven) (4)

MIDFIELD PLAYERS
H van Aerle (PSV Eindhoven) (6)
J Wouters (Ajax) (20)
A Mühren (Ajax) (8)
E Koeman (Mechelen) (13)
H Krüzen (Den Bosch) (19)
A Winter (Ajax) (5)

FORWARDS
J van't Schip (Ajax) (11)
J Bosman (Ajax) (9)
M van Bastan (AC Milan) (12)
R Gullit (AC Milan) (10)
W Kieft (PSV Eindhoven) (14)
G Vanenburg (PSV Eindhoven) (7)

GROUP TWO

Character is the key if defensive doubts are to be removed

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

ENGLAND

England should be one of the nations competing for the European crown in Munich on June 25. They are, after all, officially the second seeds, having been lifted into the favoured position last November once the holders, France, had lost their own right to it.

That England should have been given an advantage appeared then to be justified. They had gone through the qualifying stages unbeaten and had conceded only one goal, a meaningless affair in the closing minutes of the sixth and final tie against Yugoslavia. The record was superior to all of the other qualifiers.

England had also brought their programme to an emphatic close by demolishing Turkey 8-0 at home and, even more commendably, by dismantling Yugoslavia 4-1 in their own capital. But the flames of genuine optimism that were burning so fiercely in Belgrade started almost immediatley to flicker and fade.

Butcher's leg was broken, Adams's concentration snapped and the club form of Stevens and Sansom declined. A back four that had resembled a solid foundation had lost its most reliable stanchion and was apparently disintegrating. Nor was that the only area where cracks became visible.

Waddle suffered a hernia, necessitating an operation from which he has yet convincingly to recover, and the contribution of Barnes, though sparkling for Liverpool, receded again into the international shadows.

It was inevitable that England, though continuing to avoid defeat, should be less than bright during their preparations.

Hungary, Scotland and Switzerland all finished fourth in their respective qualifying groups and Israel are also considered second rate opponents. Yet two of them, the Israelis and the Hungarians, were strong enough to hold England and the other two were beaten only by a lone goal.

How they qualified

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	6	5	1	0	19	1	11
Yugoslavia	6	4	0	2	13	9	8
N Ireland	6	1	1	4	2	10	3
Turkey	6	0	2	4	2	16	2

RESULTS: England 3, Northern Ireland 0; England 2, Yugoslavia 0; Northern Ireland 0, England 2; Turkey 0, England 0; England 8, Turkey 0; Yugoslavia 1, England 4.

Squad and numbers

GOALKEEPERS
P Shilton (Derby) (1)
C Woods (Rangers) (13)

DEFENDERS
G Stevens (Everton) (2)
V Anderson (Manchester United) (14)
A Adams (Arsenal) (6)
D Watson (Everton) (5)
M Wright (Derby) (19)
K Sansom (Arsenal) (3)
A Dorigo (Chelsea) (20)

MIDFIELD PLAYERS
B Robson (Manchester United) (7)
T Steven (Everton) (8)
C Waddle (Tottenham) (12)
N Webb (Nottingham Forest) (4)
G Hoddle (Monaco) (17)
P Reid (Everton) (16)
S McMahon (Liverpool) (15)

FORWARDS
P Beardsley (Liverpool) (9)
G Lineker (Barcelona) (10)
M Hateley (Monaco) (18)
J Barnes (Liverpool) (11)

The discomfort caused at Wembley by the Netherlands and Columbia, albeit in a friendly atmosphere, provoked equally dark thoughts. Could England realistically hope to survive for long in a field that is regarded as the strongest ever to be assembled for the European Championship?

The answer lies principally in the health of Bryan Robson, the boots of Lineker, the mind of Barnes and particularly in the gaps between the central defenders. If, in turn, they are fit, accurate, strong and restricted, England should reach the last four. With luck, they could indeed appear in the final.

The role filled by the captain is crucial. Not only does Bryan Robson guard the vulnerable combination behind him but he also forcefully prompts those in front. In the last four games he has confirmed that he is back to his former self as an irreplaceable leader.

Lineker bears an equally heavy burden. Although the attack is potentially the most productive in the tournament, he alone remains a reliable scorer. He has, for instance, claimed three out of a meagre total of five goals in the last six fixtures.

Barnes is still frustratingly enigmatic. Graham Taylor, his former manager at Watford, points out that the talented winger blossomed last season because Liverpool were so crushingly dominant. No matter if five of his runs were blocked. The other ten would probably create a chance or two.

Whenever his path is limited, as in the FA Cup Final, or in the international arena, Barnes looks an expensive luxury. Although he is sure to be a marked man, he cannot afford to allow himself to be imprisoned. He must escape, and frequently.

The central defenders, whoever they may be, represent the most dangerous deficiency. Whether Watson or Wright joins Adams, the partnership will be uneasy. Mercifully for them, the opening tie against the Republic of Ireland promises to be the least awkward. But any security on Sunday could be misleadingly comforting.

Although most of the party travelled to the World Cup finals two years ago, collectively they lack experience in European competition. The West Germans and the Dutch as well as the Columbians, as Bobby Robson admits, introduced the younger members of his side to "a different world".

But none of the groups gathered here will be bound by a tighter spirit or sense of responsibility. They may not be the most gifted set of individuals but they will never be accused of lacking in character. As their manager says: "They are a good bunch of lads."

Their heart carried them through a grave crisis in the middle of the goalless draw against Morocco in Mexico in 1986. Unfortunate then to lose Bryan Robson and Wilkins prematurely, they require a touch of fortune now to fulfill the expectations of those who consider them to be the second strongest contenders for the title.

EIRE

By finishing top of a five-team group which included Belgium, Bulgaria and Scotland, the Republic of Ireland could be excused for thinking that they had already struck their blow for the underdog (Clive White writes). But not a bit of it. Encouraged (and possibly flattered) by a run of 10 games without defeat, they see no reason why it should all come to a sudden end in this European championship.

Did they not beat Bulgaria and did not Bulgaria beat the Netherlands, many people's favourites for the title, in Amsterdam recently. The Irish will take nourishment from such crumbs of comfort as they prepare for their opening match against England in Stuttgart on Sunday. But the main source of their energy remains their belief in the system of play which Jack Charlton, their manager, has successfully introduced.

No doubt Charlton's own experience as an England defender has helped him to appreciate the merits of the direct approach which Wimbledon have honed to a fine art at club level this season. Charlton knows only too well the difficulties faced by defenders who are continually forced to turn.

The irony of the Republic's method — and their success — is that it by-passes that area of the team which is most endowed with players of skill — Sheedy, Houghton, Sheridan, Whelan and hitherto Brady. But as long as the Irish keep winning (to date they have won eight of those 10 games), there will be no complaints from this department.

In this respect they differ from their northern relations whose success across two World Cup competitions was based on the very active participation of a skilled and tireless midfield quartet of O'Neill, McIlroy, McCreery, and Armstrong. Yet in their organization and dedication to defensive duties they are not unlike the Northern Ireland of Billy Bingham.

Since conceding five goals in their eight qualifying games the Republic have gone five matches for the loss of just one goal. If they have missed the presence of the excellent O'Leary, because of injury, it is not reflected in the goals against column.

It is the Irish forward line which has come most under attack. Aldridge, the most prolific goalscorer in the English first division, must be weary of hearing that he has yet to find his mark in fifteen appearances for the Republic, while Stapleton, the Republic's captain, knows that more than one goal in eight games is expected of him.

With defenders contributing six goals in as many games the pressure has been less than it might have been on this pair. But with the press campaign for the promotion of Kelly and Cascarino steadily mounting Charlton will find it hard to remain faithful to his first choice, particularly if the Republic lose to England.

Defeat here could see the Irish challenge fall apart by the time it lines up against the Soviet Union and the Netherlands. But as long as that aura of invincibility is retained the Irish underdogs can be relied upon to keep snapping at the well-heeled of Europe.

How they qualified

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rep of Ire	8	4	3	1	10	5	11
Bulgaria	8	4	2	2	12	6	10
Belgium	8	3	3	2	15	8	9
Scotland	8	3	3	2	7	5	9
Luxembourg	8	0	1	7	2	23	1

RESULTS: Belgium 2, Republic of Ireland 2; Republic of Ireland 0, Scotland 0; Scotland 0, Republic of Ireland 1; Bulgaria 2, Republic of Ireland 1; Republic of Ireland 0, Belgium 0; Luxembourg 0, Republic of Ireland 2; Republic of Ireland 2, Luxembourg 1; Republic of Ireland 2, Bulgaria 0.

Squad and numbers

GOALKEEPERS
P Bonner (Celtic) (1)
G Peyton (Bournemouth) (16)

DEFENDERS
C Morris (Celtic) (2)
M McCarthy Celtic) (4)
K Moran (Manchester United) (5)
R Whelan (Liverpool) (6)
C Hughton (Tottenham) (3)
J Anderson (Newcastle) (19)
P McGrath (Manchester United) (7)

MIDFIELD PLAYERS
R Houghton (Liverpool) (8)
J Sheridan (Leeds) (18)
K Sheedy (Everton) (15)
A Galvin (Sheffield Wed) (11)
L O'Brien Manchester United) (13)

FORWARDS
F Stapleton (Derby) (10)
J Aldridge (Liverpool) (9)
D Kelly Walsall) (14)
J Byrne (Le Havre) (17)
A Cascarino (Millwall) (12)
N Quinn (Arsenal) (20)

SOVIET UNION

The red machine, thinly disguised once more as Dynamo Kiev, rarely travels far in international competitions (Stuart Jones writes). Because of the manager's illness and players' injuries, it has spluttered rather than ticked over smoothly during the run-up.

Valery Lobanovsky, afflicted by heart trouble, has been unable personally to attend the preparations of his team. The wounded Belanov, the European footballer of the year in 1986, has yet to play an active role in 1988 and Yaremchuk, having broken a leg for the second time in three years, is unavailable.

Their side revolves around three of no fewer than 14 representatives from Kiev in the squad. Protasov, a tall and ungainly centre-forward, has rediscovered the art of goal-scoring and Litovchenko supplies much of his amunition, but Zavarov, an elusive butterfly of a player, is their brightest spark of inspiration. Should Zavarov be subdued by the opposition, the striking qualities of the 23-year-old Protasov are likely to be hidden as well.

Although they qualified without defeat, their defence is far from impregnable. Argentina and Sweden punctured them twice, for example, during the Berlin tournament when the Soviets appeared to be suffering from fatigue. The Kiev contingent, in particular, has not been offered a prolonged break for almost three years.

How they qualified

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	8	5	3	0	14	3	13
E Germany	8	4	3	1	13	4	11
France	8	1	4	3	4	7	6
Iceland	8	2	2	4	4	14	6
Norway	8	1	2	5	5	12	4

RESULTS: Iceland 1, Soviet Union 1; France 0, Soviet Union 2; Soviet Union 4, Norway 0; Soviet Union 2, East Germany 0; Norway 0, Soviet Union 1; Soviet Union 1, France 1; East Germany 1, Soviet Union 1; Soviet Union 2, Iceland 0.

Squad and numbers

GOALKEEPERS
R Dasayev (Spartak Moscow) (1)
V Chanov (Dynamo Kiev) (16)

DEFENDERS
V Bessonov (Dynamo Kiev) (2)
V Khidiatullin (Spartak Moscow) (3)
O Kuznetsov (Dynamo Kiev) (4)
A Demianenko (Dynamo Kiev) (5)
I Vishnevsky (Dnepr) (12)
S Baltacha (Dynamo Kiev) (19)

MIDFIELD PLAYERS
V Rats (Dynamo Kiev) (6)
S Aleinikov (Dynamo Minsk) (7)
G Litovchenko (Dynamo Kiev) (8)
A Zavarov (Dynamo Kiev) (9)
T Sulakvelidze (Dynamo Tbilisi) (13)
V Sukristov (Zhalgiris Vilnius) (14)
S Gotsmanov (Dynamo Minsk) (18)
V Pasulko (Spartak Moscow) (20)

FORWARDS
O Protasov (Dynamo Kiev) (10)
I Belanov (Dynamo Kiev) (11)
A Mikhailichenko (Dynamo Kiev) (15)
S Dmitriev (Zenit Leningrad) (17)

FIXTURES, VENUES AND TELEVISION COVERAGE

GROUP ONE

Today: W GERMANY v ITALY, Düsseldorf 7.15pm — Live on ITV, Highlights BBC1, 11.20pm

Tomorrow: DENMARK v SPAIN, Hanover 2.30pm — Live on BBC1

June 14: W GERMANY v DENMARK, Gelsenkirchen 4.15pm — Live on BBC1

June 14: ITALY v SPAIN, Frankfurt 7.15pm — Live on ITV, highlights BBC1, 10.45pm

June 17: W GERMANY v SPAIN, Munich 7.15pm — Live or highlights on ITV, highlights BBC1, 11.20pm

June 17: ITALY v DENMARK, Cologne 7.15pm — Live or highlights on ITV, highlights BBC1, 11.20pm

GROUP TWO

June 12: ENGLAND v EIRE, Stuttgart 2.30pm — Live on ITV, highlights BBC1

June 12: NETHERLANDS v SOVIET UNION, Cologne 7.15pm — Live on BBC1

June 15: ENGLAND v NETHERLANDS, Düsseldorf 4.15pm — Live on BBC1, highlights BBC1, 10.25pm and ITV; full coverage ITV, 12.35am Thursday

June 15: EIRE v SOVIET UNION, Hanover 7.15pm — Live on ITV, highlights BBC1, 10.25pm

June 18: ENGLAND v SOVIET UNION, Frankfurt 2.30pm — Live on BBC1, highlights ITV, 11.05pm

June 18: EIRE v NETHERLANDS, Gelsenkirchen 2.30pm — Highlights BBC1 and ITV, 11.05pm

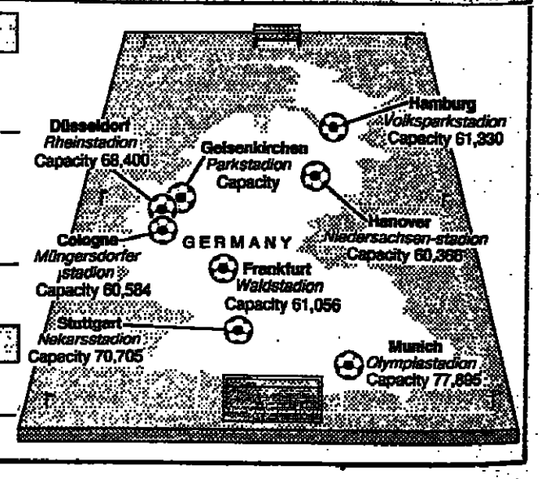
SEMI-FINALS

June 21: WINNER GROUP 1 v RUNNER-UP GROUP 2, Hamburg 7.15pm — Live on BBC1 or ITV

June 22: RUNNER-UP GROUP 1 v WINNER GROUP 2, Stuttgart 7.15pm — Live on BBC1 or ITV

FINAL

June 25: Munich 2.30pm — Live on BBC1 and ITV



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FOOTBALL

Tradition of skill should be extended

By David Miller

The seven previous final tournaments of the European championship, of which I attended five, have mostly produced more exciting and higher quality football than the finals of the World Cup. That is partly to be expected, because the European tournament has fewer teams: four until 1976, and eight for the last two competitions in Italy and France.

There is reason to hope that this pattern may be maintained in West Germany in the coming fortnight, although that will depend on The Netherlands and Soviet Union fulfilling their potential, upon Denmark recapturing theirs, and West Germany, England and Spain rising above theirs.

It is also true that apart from three Latin American countries, Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay, the world's best teams historically have, and continue to, come from Europe, if not from Britain, the source of the game. Europe possesses, pro-rata, a disproportionate strength in player-production and finance-generated, although Africa and Asia are narrowing the gap.

The European Football Union (UEFA) has, for lack of leadership or will, declined to impose its justifiable authority on the world scene over the last 20 years: for example, it failed to resist the expansion, from 16 teams to 24, of the World Cup finals. But that is another story.

Brazil and Argentina have won five of the past eight World Cups, to a great extent with spontaneous and thereby entertaining football. Yet these two countries apart, the main strands of development in the game, in fitness and tactics, have emanated from Europe; in particular from the coaches of The Netherlands, West Germany, Italy, Hungary, Yugoslavia and England.

The Netherlands provide best hope

The combination of discipline and imagination produced by this intelligence reached a peak in 1976 in Yugoslavia, when The Netherlands, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, the winners only by 5-3 on penalties over West Germany, produced the most enthralling group of four matches over six days in memory. The finals of 1984 came close to repeating that fiesta and we will be fortunate to see such performances this year. The Netherlands provide the best hope.

In 1960, the Soviet Union, marshalled by the elegant Netto and bolstered by Yashin, won the first final by defeating Yugoslavia, graced by the brilliant, mischievous Sekularac. They then lost the second final, in 1964, to a Spanish team inspired by Suarez and Amancio. Yugoslavia, with Osim and Dzajic, defeated Ramsey's World Cup heroes in the 1968 semi-final, only to lose, after a replay in Rome, to the hosts, with goals from Riva and Anastasi.

In the quarter-final of 1972, Ramsey, yielding reluctantly to public pressure for entertainment, selected for the first time three ball-players in midfield, Ball, Bell, and Peters, behind Lee, Chivers and Hurst: and, with five of the team defeated by West Germany two years before in Mexico, again lost to the Germans, Netzer ruling Wembley in a 3-1 victory. Ramsey's retaliatory gesture would be to turn towards Hunter and Storey: Germany went on to win the tournament, defeating the Soviet Union (in their third final in four tournaments) with two goals from the demon, Gerd Muller.

Then came the the pinnacle of 1976: all four matches going to extra time and producing 19 goals. The Netherlands, midway between two losing World Cup finals and including Krol, Cruyff, Neeskens, Rep, Rensenbrink and van Hanegem, went down 3-1 in the first semi-final to Czechoslovakia, who were built around Ondrus, Panenka and Nehoda. Yugoslavia, with the magnificent Oblak, Acimovic, Surjak and aging Dzajic, lost 4-2 to West Germany, who, in spite of splendid performances from Vogtes, Bonhof, Flohe and Holzenbein, lost the final to Czechoslovakia on penalties.

West Germany appeared in their third consecutive final in 1980. England, under Greenwood, stumbled against the Italy of Cassio, Graziani, Antognoni and Bettega; but Belgium had the better group goal aggregate, only to lose to a young German side including Briegel, Schuster and Allofs.

France finally won rightful reward

France, Portugal, Denmark and Spain gave us memorable moments four years ago. The marvellous French team first assembled by Michel Hidalgo in the World Cup in Argentina, then cruelly cheated in 1982, finally won reward for Giresse, Tigana, Fernandez, Genghini and the rest in the final against Spain.

The phenomenal Platini scored nine goals in five matches including the extra-time winner over Portugal in the last minute of the semi-final. Denmark had glittered but faded; Spain were building for 1986.

And now? Franz Beckenbauer is correct when he says the competition is wide open among equals, although The Netherlands, with the exceptional Gullit and Ronald Koeman, must be the favourites, even if unlikely to reach, under the same imaginative coach, Michels, the levels of Cruyff and company. I would expect a final between The Netherlands and West Germany, a repeat of the 1974 World Cup final when the Dutch threw away their chance.

England, who can score goals, might do well but for their central defence. Lineker, the redoubtable Robson, Beardsley and an unpredictable Barnes, cannot between them wholly justify their manager's optimism. The probable midfield quartet of Waddle, Webb, Robson and Barnes, may not withstand serious examination.

The Soviet Union, bristling with ability yet apt to be poor cup competitors, could keep England out of the semi-final, especially if Jack Charlton's Irish boys take a point from England on Sunday.

Italy, loaded with perennial uncertainty, will play for the inevitable draw in today's opening match against a West German side struggling to find form. Germany's strength lies in midfield with Matthaus, Thon and the deep-lying Littbarski.

Do not underestimate the hosts. They should be joined in the semi-final, judged on ability, by Denmark; yet Piontek's team seems jaded, and Italy may sneak the other place. It is indeed a tournament any of the teams could win.

Favourites held in low esteem by Charlton

From Clive White, Stuttgart

Jack Charlton, the Rebublic of Ireland manager, made out a case yesterday for backing an outsider (possibly the Irish?) in the European championship when he found fault with each of the three best fancied runners.

In his usual forthright manner he cast doubt upon West Germany's form, the Netherlands' influence and England's reliability.

However, Charlton was clearly impressed with the individual merit of the England side, who the Republic meet here on Sunday if left convinced by their recent team performances. "They've got some of the best individual players in the world and if they put it together they look capable of winning the competition," he said. But he was not sure that the Continent shared his appreciation.

"England may be joint second favourites at home but I'm not sure about here unless Ladbrokes are running all over Europe now.

"Before they played Yugoslavia everybody was crying for Bobby Robson's head because they were rubbish. I think they've been very in and out in the last year."

Of the Dutch, Charlton remarked: "If they're allowed to play the way they want to, they'll probably win the competition but I can't see anyone letting them do that. We'll give them a few obstacles."

The man who figured in England's World Cup triumph over West Germany 22 years ago was even less impressed with the new German models. "Their form will have to improve a lot on recent showing," he said.

Charlton's buoyant mood may have had something to do with Sheedy coming through his first training session in more than a week because of a calf injury. "He's a bit mouth-watery to watch sometimes. He's definitely in the running selection."

However, the English weather is more dependable than Sheedy's state of fitness and we must wait to see how he performs in training today when Charlton will inform the players of his selection for Sunday.

Gamblers anonymous

Düsseldorf, (Reuter) — If the capacity 68,000 crowd attending the opening match of the European championship in the Rheinstadion here are expecting a feast of attacking football, they should forget it if the statements coming from both team camps are any indication. Everything points to a tame, goalless draw.

With the stakes high, neither team is likely to risk defeat. Franz Beckenbauer, the West German manager, spelled it out: "We can't just run into an open knife. A defeat in the opening match could mean we're out. If we lost we would have to beat both Denmark and Spain in the other two group games."

The Italian trainer, Azeglio Vicini hardly sounds like a man urging his team to gamble [illegible] opening game had anyone else." When asked whether the opening game would follow the tradition at big tournaments of being dull and cautious, Vicini's reply of: "No comment" spoke volumes.

Vicini will be looking to the dangerous Vialli to capitalize on the kind of swift counter-attacks that had the West German midfield player, Thomas Berthold — who plays in the Italian League with Verona — warning: "They can move out of defence very fast. To go one goal down against this team would be fatal."

Beckenbauer may call up Littbarski to replace either the off-form Thon or Rolff, who is recovering from influenza.

WEST GERMANY (probable): E Immel; J Kohler, M Herget, G Buchwald, T Berthold, W Rolff, L Matthaeus, O Thon, A Brehme, R Voller, J Klinsmann.
ITALY: W Zenga; G Bergomi, F Baresi, R

TENNIS: EDBERG MAINTAINS HIS FOOTING IN DAMP CONDITIONS BUT CASH AND CONNORS FALL

Champions slide to early exit

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Pat Cash, the Wimbledon champion, and Jimmy Connors, who won the same title in 1974 and 1982, have failed to reach the last eight of the Stella Artois championships at Queen's Club, West Kensington. Yesterday Darren Cahill beat Cash 7-6, 6-4 and Guy Forget had a 6-4, 7-6 win over Connors.

There are two points to be made about these surprising results. First, Cahill and Forget are formidable players, had nothing to lose, and played a little better than their distinguished opponents. Second, celebrities preparing for Wimbledon have often found that Queen's Club has too much in common with the graveyard over the wall.

The difference is that whereas the cemetary is a terminus, the tennis tournament is just a stop on the road to Wimbledon: and grass-court tennis is a gamble at the best of times. Yesterday was not the best of times, because the playing conditions were damp and dreary. Had Stefan Edberg, the top seed, played two bad sets instead of one, he could have gone the same way as Cash and Connors.

Edberg's 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 win over Johan Kriek was the first match on the centre court. It's capricious nature set a pattern for the day. The first set was played in the kind of rain that seems to hover rather than fall. The players were not keen to start and after three slippery games they wanted to stop.

Mostly, they played one-touch tennis: usually, one touch each. Edberg — looking like a man who had a lot of creditors and had heard from all of them that morning — took a while to achieve his serving rhythm. Kriek's returns often demonstated a truism: exponents of the classic service and volley game are only half as good if they cannot get near enough to the ball to volley it.

Both men slid about the court as if playing on clay. Kriek, who is travelling light these days (no moustache), was soon heard to mutter: "Let's see how many broken bodies we can pile up in here." Edberg said later: "I was very scared. It's dangerous to play on a court like that. You could easily injure yourself."

But the rain stopped, conditions slightly improved, and Edberg's service began to sing. He had a run of eight games out of nine.

One always regrets a Kriek defeat, because he has so much personality — sardonic though it tends to be. He is not large and has no more muscles than anybody else (it just looks that way). The nimble Kriek bounces about the court like a born acrobat who missed his vocation.

Yesterday, obviously at different times, Kriek fell flat on his face, sat down abruptly, and crashed into temporary occupation of a court-side chair — whereupon he rested for a while, strumming his racket guitar-like. Kriek is good entertainment. But Edberg looks a much better bet for Wimbledon.

RESULTS: Third round: S Edberg (Swe) bt J Kriek (US), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; C van Rensburg (SA) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-1, 6-2; K Curren (US) bt D Pate (US), 7-6, 6-3; D Cahill (Aus) bt P Cash (Aus), 7-6 6-4; G Forget (Fr) bt J Connors (US), 6-4 7-6; B Dyke (Aus) bt R Krishnan (Ind), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Wait goes on

Bristol, which has waited eight years to stage a Davis Cup tie, was forced to wait another 24 hours yesterday when rain prevented play on the first day of the match between Britain and Finland at Redland Green (David Powell writes).



Bold stroke: Edberg advances on Kriek at Queen's Club (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Durie and Gomer in contrasting wins

By Barry Wood

Jo Durie and Sarah Gomer gained impressive victories in the second round of the Dow Classic yesterday after a further day of rain meant that play was moved indoors to the Telford Racket Centre.

Durie defeated Terry Phelps, of the United States, 6-4, 6-3, while Gomer overcame Etsuko Inoue, of Japan, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, but the wins were gained in stark contrast to each other.

Durie, once she had recovered an early break, produced a confident and commanding performance, while Gomer appeared in the first set as if she was going to be overwhelmed swiftly. The fact that she was able to reverse the momentum of the match to claim one of the best wins of her career is to her credit.

"She started out so well, playing perfect tennis and not making any errors, and I just decided to hang in there and make it as tough as possible for her," Gomer said. "At the end of the day I'm really pleased with myself."

The first half of the match reflected the fact that Inoue, the Japanese No. 1, is 36 places above Gomer on the world rankings. She was swifter and smarter and had more idea of where the ball ought to go, while Gomer, infuriatingly, refused to intimidate her petite opponent by looming at her from the net.

In fact, Gomer's reluctance to use her 6ft 3in frame as a weapon even drew comment from Pam Shriver, of the United States, who pondered the absurdity while disposing of Elizabeth Smylie, of Australia, on the next court. Only in the final set did the British No. 3 have the confidence to attack and victory then became inevitable.

Durie, meanwhile, had no self-doubts. "It was one of those days when I was seeing the ball well and flowing well. Even at 3-1 down, I felt at ease with myself," she said.

SECOND ROUND: C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt E Minter (Aus), 6-0, 6-2; P Shriver (US) bt E Smylie (Aus), 7-5, 6-3; B Nagelsen (US) bt L Golarsa (Ill), 6-1, 6-4; S Gomer (GB) bt E Inoue (Jap), 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; B Cordwell (NZ) bt C Singer (Fr), 6-2, 7-6; J Dune (GB) bt T Phelps (US), 6-4, 6-3; L McNeil (US) bt A Henricksson (US), 7-6, 6-4; C Benjamin (US) bt M Bollegras (Neth), 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

GOLF

George shows the spirit of England

From John Hennessy, Hamburg

Paul Broadhurst and Freddy George were among a log-jam of leaders on yesterday's first round of the European amateur championship, sponsored by Audi.

They had rounds of 69, two under par for the 6,525 yards Falkenstein course, along with Jean-Charles Cambon, of France, and Georges Nikitiadis, of Greece.

David Curry, Amateur champion two years ago, and Kevin Weeks, English champion in 1987, scored 72, Wayne Henry 74 and, completing the English contingent, Robert Bardsley 75. There were no entries from Ireland, Wales or Scotland, the only countries other than Luxembourg not to be represented.

Broadhurst, of Atherstone, has been in prime form this year, notably during the Lytham Trophy. His place of eminence is therefore not surprising, but George, from Beaconsfield, belongs to another category, for he has been through hard times. So it was heartening to see his enterprise in coming here under his own steam (the other five were sent by the English Golf Union) so speedily rewarded.

Moreover, George played as well as anyone in threading his way through a course heavily- and perilously-lined with trees. He missed not a single green or fairway and his only departures from par were his birdies at the sixth (419 yards), reached with drive and three-iron, and 17th (480 yards), where he was on the front edge with a three-wood.

Both birdie putts went in from the 30-foot range, which provided some compensation for at least half a dozen failures from a quarter of that distance.

Broadhurst, distrustful of his driver, used it only twice. At other times he employed a one-iron off the tee, except at the short holes of course, and once, spectacularly, off the fairway. That came at the 17th, where he struck it from 230 yards out to within four inches for an eagle three.

Cambon, only 18, significantly is a product of the golf programme introduced two years ago at the Toulouse education and sporting centre. Nikitiadis, similarly, is studying physical education at Athens University. He is 23 and has never had a golf lesson in his life, nor ever wants one.

FIRST ROUND LEADERS: 69: P Broadhurst (Eng), F George (Eng), J-C Cambon (Fr), G Nikitiadis (Gre). 70: H-G Reiter (WG), A Hagfund (Swe), D Edlund (Swe), C Hardin (Swe), Y Beamonte (Sp), P Solberg (Nor), J-F Pedersen (Den), M Kung (Aus). 71: J Lindberg (Swe), T Gottstein (Switz), U Jonsson (Ice), S Struver (WG), F Lindgren (Swe), F Ortiz (Sp), M Aragnetti (It).

Weir equals record to take command

Russell Weir equalled the course record with a three under par 66 to open a commanding five-stroke lead in defence of his Wilson club professional championship title at Royal St David's, Harlech in Wales.

Weir collected seven birdies and had only 29 putts to share the mark the late Jimmy Black, the club professional set 31 years ago. The high points of the West of Scotland player's round were three birdies from the sixth and his taking two at all three short holes in an inward total of 31 for a 134 total at halfway.

SECOND ROUND LEADERS: 134: R Weir (Cowal), 68, 66. 139: K Jones (Caldy), 68, 71; G Furey (Pleasington), 70, 69. 140: M Thomas (Cirencester), 70, 70; K Ashdown (Milford), 70, 70; G Stafford (Gainsborough) 69, 71.

Amateur from France leads professionals

Fourqueux (AP) — Caroline Bourtayre, a French amateur, shot a four-under-par 69, including three birdies in the final four holes, to take a two-stroke lead after the first round of the French women's open championship.

Bourtayre, who celebrates her twentieth birthday today, said: "I didn't even know what my score was out there."

Dale Reid, the Scottish leader on the European money list last year, was hot on Bourtayre's heels after shooting a 70.

LEADING SCORES: 69: *C Bourtayre (Fr).* 70: D Reid (GB). 71: M-L di Lorenzi-Taya (Fr); A Lanrezac (Fr). 72: C Panton (GB); D Dowling (GB); S Strudwick (GB); A Sheard (SA). 73: B New (GB).

*denotes amateur

HOCKEY

Australian squad due

The Australian women's squad arrives in England today to play three matches as preparation for the Olympic Games before leaving on June 16 (Joyce Whitehead writes). England play them at Wycombe Sports Centre tomorrow.

The England team, who will be captained by Sandy Lister, includes three changes from the team which played Spain at Wembley in March. The goalkeeper, Julie Williams, from Dorset, Samantha Wright and Lesley Hobly, all join the team.

Hobly, has a wide reach, is capable of good stick work, and could cause the Australian defence some problems, but she lacks experience. Goodridge, Brimble and Holwell, the sweeper, make a dependable defence and the sparkle of the young internationals, Miller, Lewis and Liddell, could make this a lively match.

The Australian players are fast, clever and adaptable and both sides will need to make the most of any opportunity offered.

Australia play a Slough men's XI on Tuesday and Great Britain on Wednesday. Both matches will be played at Bisham Abbey.

ENGLAND: J Williams (Dorset); S Holwell (Leicestershire), R Goodridge (Devon), L Baylis (Staffordshire), M Pickles (Bedford CHE). S Wright (Leicestershire), C Liddell (Essex), S Lister (Essex), J Lewis (Derbyshire), L Hobly (Buckinghamshire), T

ROWING: CAMBRIDGE MAY RACES

Lady Margaret snatch lead

By a Special Correspondent

It was all change at the top on the first day of the Cambridge Mays on Tuesday. In the men's, Lady Margaret lowered Caius' colours at the Railings, and in the women's, Jesus touched Churchill coming out of Grassy Corner.

Lady Margaret rapidly closed on Caius and were within a canvas at Grassy, but Caius fought bravely and held them off until appearing to run out of steam approaching the Railings, contact being made with the stroke's rigger.

Elsewhere, 1st and 3rd Trinity toppled Pembroke opposite the Plough after overlapping from Grassy, where Fitzwilliam overlapped Clare but failed to make contact.

Magdalene mowed down Churchill coming out of Ditton Corner and Lady Margaret II climbed back into the first division at the expense of Christ's just before the Plough.

There was the usual first-day chaos in the men's seventh division when a scratching by Fitzwilliam V meant crews were still being moved into position when the starter's gun went.

RESULTS

Men

FIRST DIVISION: LMBC bpd Caius: 1st and 3rd Trinity bpd Pembroke; Magdalene bpd Churchill; LMBC II bpd Christ. Starting order: LMBC, Caius, Downing, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Pembroke, Emmanuel, Jesus, Clare, Fitzwilliam, Selwyn, Trinity Hall, Magdalene, Churchill, St Catharine's, Pembroke II, LMBC II.
SECOND DIVISION: Jesus II bpd Downing II; 1st and 3rd Trinity II bpd Peterhouse; Caius II bpd Sidney Sussex; Robinson bpd Emmanuel II; Clare II bpd Corpus Christi; Jesus III bpd LMBC III. Starting order: Queens', Jesus II, Downing II, 1st and 3rd Trinity II, Peterhouse, Caius II, Sidney Sussex, Christ's II, Robinson, Emmanuel II, Clare II, Corpus Christi, Selwyn II, Jesus III, LMBC III.
THIRD DIVISION: Clare III bpd Queens' II; Trinity Hall III bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity III; LMBC V bpd Corpus Christi II; Pembroke III bpd Caius III. Starting order: Trinity Hall II, Girton, Churchill II, King's, Magdalene II, Fitzwilliam II, Clare III, Queens' II, St Catharine's II, Trinity Hall III, 1st and 3rd Trinity III, Peterhouse II, Darwin, LMBC V, Corpus Christi II, Pembroke III.
FOURTH DIVISION: Addenbrookes bpd Jesus IV; LMBC V bpd Sidney Sussex II; Churchill III bpd Christ's III; Queens' III bpd Downing III; LMBC VI bpd Magdalene III; Clare IV bpd Wolfson. Starting Order: Caius III, Addenbrookes, Jesus IV, LMBC V, Sidney Sussex II, Churchill III, Christ's III, Queens' III, Downing III, Emmanuel III, LMBC VI, Magdalene III, Fitzwilliam III, Clare IV, Wolfson, Christ's IV and King's II re-row later.
FIFTH DIVISION: Pembroke IV bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity IV; Emmanuel IV bpd Downing IV; Selwyn III bpd Queens' IV; Girton II bpd LMBC VII; Magdalene IV bpd St Catharine's III; Jesus V bpd Caius IV; Magdalene V bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity V. Starting Order: Dependent on re-row, Pembroke IV, Emmanuel IV, Downing IV, 1st and 3rd Trinity IV, Selwyn III, Queens' IV, Churchill IV, Girton II, LMBC VII, Magdalene IV, St Catharine's III, Corpus Christi III, Jesus V, Caius IV, Magdalene V.
SIXTH DIVISION: Magdalene V bpd Sidney Sussex III; Selwyn IV overbpd Jesus VI; St Catharine's IV bpd Clare V; Christ's V bpd Fitzwilliam IV; Robinson II bpd Churchill V; Corpus Christi IV over bpd King's III; Theological Colleges bpd CCAT. Starting Orders: 1st and 3rd Trinity V, Sidney Sussex III, LMBC VIII, Selwyn IV, St Catharine's IV, Clare V, Jesus VI, Christ's V, Fitzwilliam IV, Robinson II, Churchill V, Downing V, Emmanuel V, Corpus Christi IV, Theological Colleges, CCAT.
SEVENTH DIVISION: Girton III bpd Hughes Hall. Starting Order: King's III; Girton III, Hughes Hall, 1st and 3rd Trinity VI, St Edmund's House. Remaining crews to re-row.

Women

FIRST DIVISION: Jesus bpd Churchill; New Hall bpd Newnham; Caius bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity; Emmanuel bpd Homerton; Christ's bpd Girton, Queens' bpd Newnham II; Downing bpd Churchill II. Starting order: Jesus, Churchill, New Hall, Newnham, Fitzwilliam, Clare, Caius, 1st and 3rd Trinity, St Catharine's, Trinity Hall, Emmanuel, Homerton, Christ's, Girton, LMBC, Queens', Newnham II, Downing, Churchill II, Sidney Sussex, Selwyn, New Hall II.
SECOND DIVISION: Newnham III bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity II; Selwyn II bpd Girton II; Corpus Christi bpd Homerton II; Pembroke bpd Christ's II; New Hall III bpd Trinity Hall II; Emmanuel II bpd Newnham IV; Robinson bpd Girton III. Starting order: Clare II, Jesus II, Newnham III, 1st and 3rd Trinity II, QMABC, Selwyn II, Girton II, Corpus Christi, Homerton II, Pembroke, Christ's II, New Hall III, Trinity Hall II, Emmanuel II, Newnham IV, Robinson, Girton III, Jesus III, Addenbrookes, Peterhouse, Wolfson and Caius II to re-row.
THIRD DIVISION: St Edmund's House bpd Hughes Hall; Jesus IV bpd St Catharine's II; Corpus Christi II bpd Homerton III; LMBC III bpd Churchill IV; Pembroke II bpd Girton IV; Clare IV bpd Homerton IV; Fitzwilliam III bpd Christ's III. Starting order: Clare III, Sidney Sussex II, CCAT, St Edmund's House, Hughes Hall, Downing II, Churchill III, Jesus IV, St Catharine's II, Corpus Christi II, Homerton III, LMBC III, Churchill IV, Pembroke II, Girton IV, Clare IV, Homerton IV, Fitzwilliam III, Christ's III, LMBC IV, Fitzwilliam II and LMBC II re-row later.
FOURTH DIVISION: QMABC II bpd Trinity Hall III; Queens' II bpd Jesus V; Queens' III bpd Selwyn III; Caius III bpd Downing III; Homerton V bpd Queens' IV; QMABC IV bpd Caius IV; Clare V bpd Trinity Hall IV. Starting Order: QMABC II, Trinity Hall III, Queens' II, Jesus V, Emmanuel III, Robinson II, 1st and 3rd Trinity III, Queens' III, Selwyn III, Caius III, Downing III, Homerton V, Queens' IV, QMABC III, Caius IV, LMBC VI, Clare V, Trinity Hall IV, New Hall IV, Robinson II, LMBC V, QMABC, and Churchill V re-row later.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

MILAN: International meeting: 400m: B Whittle (GB) 46.0. 3,000m: 1, A Cova (It) 8:05.7; 2, B Maminski (Pol) 8:05.9; 3, M Harris (GB) 8:06.4. Shot: A Andrei (It) 19.80m.
POTSDAM: Invitation meeting (East German unless stated): Men: 1,500m: J-P Herold, 3min 33.33sec. 10,000m: H-J Kunze 27:55.85. Women: 800m: C Wachtel 1:57.73. 1,500m: A Hahmann, 4:04.15. 10,000m: K Ulrich, 31:28.79.
BRATISLAVA: IAAF meeting: Men: Javelin: J Zelezny, (Cz) 85.74. 110m hurdles: A Jarrett (GB) 13.52. 100m walk: 1, J Pribilinec (Cz) 39:52.25; 2, P Blazek (Cz) 40:21.44; 3, J Zahorcak (Cz) 40:38.42. Women: 100m: S Moller-Gladisch (EG), 11.16sec. 800m: C Loch (WG), 2min 01.91sec. 400m hurdles: T Helsinger (Fin), 55.90. Shot: N Lissovskaya (USSR), 21.43m.

FOOTBALL

BELGIAN SUPER CUP: Anderlecht 0, Bruges 1 (Degryse, 55mn).
FRENCH LEAGUE: Promotion/relegation play-off: First leg: Nice 1, Caen 1.
ARGENTINE LEAGUE: First division play-offs: Velez Sarsfield 3, Gimnasia y Esgrima 0; Mandiyu 1, San Lorenzo 1. Argentinos Juniors 1, Racing Club 1; Rosario Central 0. River Plate 0.
FRENCH CUP: Semi-final: Second legs: Sochaux 2, Nice 0 (Sochaux win 3-2 on agg); Reims 3, Metz 1 (Metz win 5-3 on agg).
TOULON: International under-21 tournament: France 3, Cameroon 0.
ROMANIAN LEAGUE: Sportul Studentesc 2, FC Arges Pitesti 1; Rapid Bucharest 2, Universitatea Cluj-Napoca 0; Petrolul Ploesti 1, ASA Targu Mures 0; Otelul Galati 4, Universitatea Craiova 2; FCM Brasov 3, Victoria Bucharest 2; Poiselmica Timisoara 1, Flacara Moreni 1; FC Olt 2, SC Bacau 0; Steaua Bucharest 3, Dinamo Bucharest 3; Corvinul Hunedoara v CSM Sucseva, postponed. Leading positions: 1, Steaua, 56pts; 2, Dinamo, 57; 3, Victoria, 37.
YUGOSLAV LEAGUE: Red star 6, Osijek 1; Celik 3, Hajduk 0; Buducnost 3, Dinamo 3; Slobodja 2, Rijeka 0; Velez 5, Pristina 0; Sarajevo 2, Partizan 2; Rad 2, Zeljeznicar 1; Vardar 2, Sutjeska 0; Vojvodina 2, Radnicki 1. Leading positions: 1, Red Star, played 33, 44pts; 2, Velez, 33, 42; 3, Partizan, 33,42.

GOLF

SAPPORO: Japan Open: Leading first round scores (Japanese unless stated): 66: Hajime Meshiai 67: Joji Furuki. 68: G Meyer (US). 69: D Ishii, Seiichi Kanai. Others: 71: G Marsh (Aus), T M Chen (Taiwan), T Gale (Aus). 72: B Jones (Aus) 73: I Baker-Finch (Aus)

TENNIS

BOLOGNA: International tournament: Men's singles: Second round: K Carlsson (Swe) bt M Radi (WG), 6-2, 6-0; M Filippini (Uru) bt D Kereiki (WG), 6-4, 6-4; A Mancini (Arg) bt F Yunis (Arg), 6-1, 6-1; T Caromoli (Sp) bt R Osterthun (WG), 6-4, 7-5; M Jasa (Arg) bt U Stenlund (Swe), 6-4, 6-0; O Camporese (It) bt

CRICKET

SCHWEPPES INTER-LEAGUE COMPETITION: Eve Surrey Championship 242-6, Errerys Sussex Championship 201-5: *Morrant Essex League 100, Palsom Plastics Essex League 103-1; Nationwide Anglia Thames Valley League 252-7, Prudential Chiltern League 39-5 Chiltern won on better run rate
SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Bethany 91, Maidstone 92-5; *Bloxham 194-2, XL Club 164-7; Ellesmere 194-2 (D Marvel 101 n.o.), *Rydal 170-7; *Oratory 142-8, Leyton Park 97, *RGS Guildford 179-8, Wellington 118-9, MCC 181-9, *Blundell's 133.
*denotes home team

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chesterfield: Northamptonshire 158 for 2 (G Cook 72, S Kimber 55 not out) v Derbyshire. Uppingham: Lancashire 80 for 5 v Leicestershire. No play yesterday — Hereford: Middlesex 341 for 5 (W N Slack 152 not out, M A Roseberry 149). Abergavenny: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire.
TOUR MATCH: Birmingham: Birmingham League XI v Aboriginals — match abandoned.

EQUESTRIANISM

SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW: Chesterfield: Double Glazing Stakes: 1, Brook Street Boyse (R Smith); 2, Everest Rapier (Mrs E Edgar); 3, G and A Silgo Supreme (J Brown). Ridden Hunters: Lightweights: 1, Miss A J Murray's Chancellor. Middleweights: 1, Mrs J Dewar's Carnival King (and champion). Heavyweights: 1, S McCormack's Tyrone (and reserve champion). Ladies: 1, I Greig and R Christie's The Artful Dodger. Hunter Breeding. Champion: Mrs L A Bothway's Sudden Flight. Reserve: Miss A J Murray's Hunting Eve.
ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW: Crosse and Blackwell Stakes: 1, Wessex Springbok (P Button); 2, Brook Street Vista (S Smith); 3, Bay Menu (M Lane). Spillers Grade C: 1, Running Brook (C Rushworth); 2, Finance (J Coleman); 3, The Dominator (T Price). Champion Hunter: Miss R V O White, Jessoc Tales. Reserve: Mr and Mrs R Crober, Ballyphilip Prince Driving: 1, Messrs Noble and Gould, Ponsdown Knight Errant; 2, Mr M Salter, Wrlye Viscount; 3, Mr and Mrs T F C Barrett, Kings Daghter. Futoregleze Casservatones Pony Double Harness Scurry: 1, Trial and Error (Mr and Mrs J Swanson); 2, Bubble and Squeak (Mr R Blake); 3, Touch and Go (Weonesbury, Motor Services Ltd).

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Montreal Expos 5, Philadelphia Phillies 4 (10 inns); Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Chicago Cubs 1, St Louis Cardinals 5, New York Mets 2; Cincinnati Reds 7, San Diego Padres 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 11, Houston Astros 1; Atlanta Braves 5, San Francisco Giants 4. American League: Detroit Tigers 12, Baltimore Orioles 4, Cleveland Indians 4, Toronto Blue Jays 2; Boston Red Sox 4, New York Yankees 3, Minnesota Twins 5, Chicago White Sox 2; Kansas City Royals 5, Oakland A's 4; California Angels 5, Texas Rangers 2; Milwaukee Brewers 8, Seattle Mariners 7.

CROQUET

PARKSTONE OPEN: Open singles: Block one: R Carder, won 1; J Williamson, lost 2; R Bailey, won 2, E Asa-Thomas, lost 1. Block two: D Cransley-Thomas, lost 1, Mrs R Wheeler, won 1; Miss P Parker, won 1, L Burter, lost 1. Block three: J Sadie, lost 2; N Sole, won 2; C Parker, won 1, lost 1, F Shergold, won 1, lost 1. Level singles: Block one: J Mays, lost 2; B Saunders, won 1, lost 1; R Wheeler, won 1, lost 1, E Vilasmy, won 2. Block two: J Guesswell, won 1, lost 1; C Moon, won 1; A Dawson, lost 1; F Ewell, won 1, lost 1. Handicap singles: Block one: Mrs Williamson, won 1, lost 1; P Corke, won 2, lost 1, E Wilson, won 1, lost 1, M Rumsey, won 2, lost 1, S Cruden won 1, lost 2. Block two: P Lewis, won 1, lost 1; J Packer, won 1, lost 1; C Parker, won 1, lost 1; J Wraith, lost 2; G Liddard, won 2. Handicap singles: Unrestricted: Second round: D Liddard bt B Saunders, +19; F Shergold bt J Wraith, +16; N Gale bt D Parker, +7. R Carder bt J Souter, +1; P Lewis bt J Packer, +17; Mrs Parker bt E Vilkamy, +15; Miss P Parker bt E Asa-Thomas, +10. J Mays bt S Cruden, +9.

CYCLING

LUXEMBOURG: Tour of Luxembourg: First stage (40 miles): 1, J Gaplot (Bel), 1hr 23min 45sec (10sec bonus); 2, E de Wilde (Bel), at 5sec (5sec bonus); 3, Adri van der Poel (Neth), at 7sec (3sec bonus). 4, S Lahoz (Den) at 10sec; 5, C Mostet (Fr), 6, F Urban (Fr), 7, F Hoste (Bel), 8, E Battoso (Bel), 9, L Sosa (Cz), 10, M Kren (Cz), 11, S Zaryenkov (USSR), 12, R Suun (USSR) 13, P Tnebel (Lux), 14, F van de Vyver (Bel), 15, W Aksemenko (USSR) all same time.

BASKETBALL

KUALA LUMPUR: Women's Olympic qualifying competition: Group A: Brazil 115, Taiwan 63, USSR 93, China 80, Spain 88, Angola 57. Group B: France 111, Thailand 49, Yugoslavia 68, Bulgaria 67, Zaire 61, Great Britain 53. Group C: Italy 95, Japan 81, Czechoslovakia 79, Canada 78, Sweden 97, Ireland 51. Group D: Poland 108, Malaysia 34, Australia 79, Hungary 62, New Zealand 64, Turkey 40.

CRICKET

Hampshire delight over first cup final

Hampshire beat Essex by seven wickets

Hampshire are at last able to celebrate an appearance in a one-day final at Lord's after beating Essex yesterday in their rain-interrupted Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final.

Once play had started at 4 p.m. they scored the 47 runs required to knock out the favourites, reaching 239 for three with eight balls to spare after resuming at 192 for one.

Their guiding light was Paul Terry, who opened the innings and took his side to within seven runs of their objective before falling to Pringle for 109. In all he received 174 balls and hit nine fours to claim the Gold Award for his first century in the competition.

ESSEX: 238 for 6 (55 overs).

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry lbw b Pringle	109
C L Smith c East b Gooch	56
D R Turner c East b Foster	31
R A Smith not out	20
*M C J Nicholas not out	1
Extras (lb 15, w 5, nb 1)	22
Total (3 wkts, 53.4 overs)	239

J R Ayling, †R J Parks, S T Jefferies, N G Cowley, C A Connor and S J W Andrew did not bat.

BOWLING: Foster 11-4-30-1; Lever 10-1-36-0, Topley 11-0-56-0; Gooch 11-0-46-1; Pringle 10.4-0-56-1.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-118, 2-197, 3-232.
Gold Award: V P Terry.
Umpires: B Dudleston and A G T Whitehead.

● Heavy rain ruled out a resumption yesterday in the other semi-final between Glamorgan and Derbyshire at Swansea. If there is no further play, Derbyshire will go through on a better run-rate.

SCORES: Derbyshire 217 for 8; Glamorgan 130 for 5.

Arthurton shines in the gloom

By Richard Streeton

OLD TRAFFORD: The West Indians have scored 287 for five against Lancashire

An attractive 60 by Keith Arthurton brought the only solace yesterday as the Manchester mid-summer weather at its worst continued to wreck this fixture. Three periods, totalling two-and-a-half hours, comprised the meagre ration of play allowed by bad light and rain.

It was also bitterly cold and batting must have been purgatory for Arthurton, who certainly will never have played cricket in his native Nevis in such bleak and gloomy weather.

Arthurton has managed 15 runs in three innings on the tour and it was a credit to his character that he rose above the prevailing circumstances.

Haynes, though, was destined to miss his second century of the tour by seven runs. His five-hour innings ended when he drove a low catch to midwicket. Arthurton just previously had been caught at first slip as he aimed a carefree drive against Matthews.

Meanwhile the specialist treating Marshall for the rib injury which prevented him bowling towards the end of the first Test match at Trent Bridge, has diagnosed a muscle tear and Marshall has started a course of intensive treatment.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

*C G Greenidge c Murphy b Watkinson	67
D L Haynes c Hayhurst b Folley	93

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Gatting sacked in disgrace

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

Mike Gatting last night paid the ultimate price for "irresponsible behaviour." He was sacked as England cricket captain after a day of emotional meetings at Lord's, and he immediately told the selectors he did not wish to be considered as a player for the second Test next week.

Gatting was interviewed at lunchtime yesterday following newspaper allegations of late-night drinking, sex parties and drink-driving. He denied the stories and the selectors accepted his version of events, yet still they felt he had let down the team and the image of the game.

Peter May, chairman of selectors, was clearly upset as he told a packed Press conference that the invitation previously issued to Gatting to captain the team next week had been withdrawn. He is, in effect, fired in disgrace, rare if not unique among England cricket captains.

A new captain will be appointed today, although, somewhat obtusely, the selectors insisted that it would be on a one-match basis. May also refused to rule out the possibility of Gatting leading the team again, a fanciful prospect in all the circumstances.

Gatting said that his solicitors would be issuing writs for libel against the newspapers which had carried the stories earlier this week. He apparently admitted, however, that he had invited a girl back to his hotel room for a late-night drink on two occasions, and this was sufficient to persuade the selectors that he must go.

Investigations are continuing into the alleged behaviour of other players during the Trent Bridge Test. Paul Jarvis, Philip DeFreitas, Allan Lamb and Paul Downton have all been summoned to Lord's this morning to give their version of the story.

Micky Stewart, the England team manager, said: "They will be seen separately to clear the whole thing up. If they deny any involvement, then we will believe them."

A statement explained: "Warnings had previously been issued to all England players concerning the standard of behaviour expected of them at all time, both on and off the field, and these had been ignored."

Gatting, said to be a sad and remorseful man last night, will go back to leading Middlesex, a position which will not be threatened by the events of this week.

Stewart, who linked up with Gatting on the all-conquering Australian tour two winters ago, inevitably felt dismayed by conduct which reflected badly on his own management. But he said: "I feel sadder still for the game. Cricket has been let down by this. The fact that Gatting laid himself open to all that has appeared in the papers has damaged the image of the game and the England team.

"No player must put himself in a position where the image of English cricket is at risk. It has been spelt out to them all very clearly."

A new and tougher code of conduct for England players, possibly including the imposition of curfew times, could be imposed before the Lord's Test next week.

May, who appointed Gatting exactly two years ago, would not say whether his withdrawal saved the selectors having to drop him. He simply added: "Gatting has lost the highest honour in cricket — the captaincy of England."

● Gatting's forthcoming autobiography was also discussed yesterday and Peter Lush, of the Test and County Cricket Board, explained: "Solicitors acting for Gatting have been in touch with the publishers' solicitors. Gatting has said that he has no wish to act against the board's desire by including references to the Pakistan tour. A response from the publishers on whether the chapter concerned can be withdrawn is now awaited."



Fateful declaration: Peter May announces Gatting's dismissal (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Captain whose flaw was his honesty

By Alan Lee

The tragedy of Mike Gatting's exit is that he was unwilling to acknowledge the penances of his position. This cannot entirely be blamed on lack of awareness; there has always been a keen element of stubbornness in the man which gave him potential to self-destruct.

His most endearing virtues, fairness and honesty, are simultaneously his enemies. At his level of professional sport, there is much that seems unfair and plenty which appears dishonest. Gatting has never developed the level of tolerance necessary to cope placidly with such intrusions.

He genuinely loves cricket, and has done so virtually from the age he was in a pushchair, and he cannot comprehend the mentality of those who criticize or of those he considers cheats.

His experiences in Pakistan and his subsequent insistence on giving his side of that story are extreme examples, but good ones nonetheless. Not only was he outraged by the injustices he believed to have happened, he was also prepared to risk a great deal for the principle of a right to reply. There is a case for saying this is admirable, there is an alternative case for saying it is obstinate.

This week's allegations are something else again. The real surprise, for those in the game, is that Gatting could have put himself in any sort of compromising position at a critical stage of his career. Here he was, re-appointed captain for only two Tests and in dire danger of losing the first of them, at loggerheads with his employers over his book, and yet apparently oblivious to the tightrope on which he walked.

He may call it unfair, plead that he should not have to change his lifestyle to accommodate a title, but he is up a blind alley. These days, cricket is such a high-profile public entertainment that unscrupulous eyes and minds are always ready to bring you down if you give them the chance.

Contrary to popular belief, the England cricketers of today behave no more outrageously than their predecessors. Forty years ago, there was just as much carousing, just as many late nights, there were drinks and, doubtless, there were women.

Nothing has changed except the amount of exposure the game receives. Like show-business personalities, the leading cricketers are now under a spotlight which was never trained upon the likes of Compton and Edrich. In this sense, Gatting and his contemporaries are playing at an unfortunate time, while in another sense, they have never had it so good, the financial rewards bearing no relation to the paltry fees on offer in the past. You would have thought



Stewart: position weakened

that social discipline was a small price to pay.

In the past few months, Gatting's reaction to criticism has often been mulish, sometimes rude. At Press conferences — a reluctant ritual to him but one incumbent on the captain to handle in a manner beneficial to his team and his game — he has tutted and muttered at questions he regarded as inane, stared out of the window when proceedings have bored him and, once, even read a magazine while being quizzed. He came into the job carrying widespread media goodwill but, to some extent, he has surrendered this, which was sad for us and unhelpful to him.

It may be said that he has been in charge through a taxing period, one where the patience of the most serene character would have been exhausted, but one cannot help but feel that his patience has not been deep enough and his actions not thoughtful enough.

Those closest to him would undoubtedly disagree. One of the features of his spell as captain has been the ability to inspire unbending loyalty. "I'm a straightforward bloke," he is fond of saying, "and I expect others to be straight with me." Such open honesty finds favour within the dressing-room, and rightly so. This week's suggestion that his players were prepared to strike if he was sacked strayed towards the fanciful, but he did have abrasively strong support.

There will be no smugness at his fall from grace, no jealous chuckling, only a sense of sadness that one whose life has been wrapped up in cricket should have failed in a job he had never dreamed he could aspire to. Gatting, you see, was a departure from tradition: the breeding and background which are often pre-requisites for an England captain has no place in his life.

His parents were working-class, in fact, they had two jobs each to help pay the mortgage on their north London house. Gatting grew up a crewcut bruiser, scrapping with his younger brother Steve (now a professional footballer) and the possessor of a fierce temper.

He developed in a man's world, mixing with cricketers at the club where his parents were stewards. Perhaps due to this, he now flirts with childish hobbies — his favourite television programme is Dr Who — but he has few releases from his job.

His departure is a blow to the brave notion of captain and manager in close liaison. The manager, Micky Stewart, remains in office, but with his own position greatly weakened. He has perhaps been too fond of pleading excuses for his team when things have gone wrong, rather than offering constructive criticism. Now that the show has temporarily been thrown off the road, excuses are redundant and a rethink is in order.

GATTING'S RECORD AS ENGLAND CAPTAIN

TEST MATCHES

Date	Opponents	P	W	L	D
1986	India *	2	0	0	2
1986	New Zealand	3	0	1	2
1986-87	Australia	5	2	1	2
1987	Pakistan	5	0	1	4
1987-88	Pakistan	3	0	1	2
1987-88	Australia	1	0	0	1
1987-88	New Zealand	3	0	0	3
1988	West Indies	1	0	0	1
		23	2	4	17

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS

Date	Opponents	P	W	L
1986	New Zealand	2	1	1
1986-87	B and H Challenge	4	4	0
1986-87	World Series Cup	10	6	4
1987	Pakistan †	2	2	0
1987-88	World Cup	8	5	3
1987-88	Pakistan	3	3	0
1987-88	Australia	1	0	1
1987-88	New Zealand	4	2	2
1988	West Indies	3	3	0
		37	26	11

* Gatting took over from David Gower in June 1986 after England had lost the First Test. England lost the series 1-0. † Gatting missed an additional one-day international which England lost.

Gooch the captain for the adventurous

Four names are likely to be discussed when the harassed England selectors reconvene this morning to choose a new captain (Alan Lee writes). John Emburey is clear favourite but Graham Gooch and David Gower, from the current team, and the talented outsider, Kim Barnett, are other possibilities.

Emburey has been understudy to Gatting on the last two overseas tours, and also led England in Sharjah last year. He is, ironically, Gatting's vice-captain at Middlesex, but is the obvious choice, if only in a caretaker role.

If, however, the selectors wish to be more adventurous, or if they consider that Emburey can hardly be made captain while his bowling form barely merits a place in the side, I believe Gooch would be a better option.

Although he has stood down from the Essex captaincy to concentrate on his batting, Gooch would undoubtedly be willing to take on the top job and would have the guaranteed respect of the players. His image is above reproach, crucial to this, of all, appointments, and it was significant that his tactical advice was frequently sought and given during the first Test.

Gooch is in the best batting form of his life. The selectors may not wish to risk jeopardizing this state of affairs. On the other hand, he is one of very few whose selection in the team is a formality.

Gower is a different case altogether. Peter May, the chairman of selectors, sacked him two years ago and it would be stretching a point to say that the two are in harmony on matters of image and approach. Gifted player that Gower is, it would surprise me greatly if he was returned to office now.

It would be nice to think the selectors might be brave enough to go completely outside the tried and trusted circle of players and appoint Barnett, whose leadership of Derbyshire has invigorated his county without harming his own form.

He is a good enough batsman to replace Gatting in the middle order, and I doubt if the responsibility would intimidate him. I also doubt, however, that the selectors will take the plunge.

Once they have settled on a captain, the selectors will summon their man to Lord's and include him in their discussions over the team for next week's second Test. One way and another, it looks like being another long day at Lord's.

Canadian damaged by whales

By Barry Pickthall

As the race favourite, Philippe Poupon, continued to extend his lead over his rivals in the Carlsberg transatlantic race, the British and Canadian rescue services turned on Mike Birch when the Canadian set off distress signal after hitting two whales within 24 hours.

Birch, aboard Fujicolour, an identical 60ft trimaran to Poupon's British-designed Fleury Michon, reported no damage from the first collision on Wednesday, but yesterday morning he activated the emergency signal after a collision with a second whale broke the boat's centreboard and split the main hull.

A cargo ship diverted to rescue the lone yachtsman who had been lying second. But when it reached him, Birch refused assistance saying he had controlled the situation and would head for the Azores rather than abandon ship even though the water "is up to the chart table."

This latest collision makes Birch the sixth to retire and follows the return to Plymouth of Chay Blyth following rig damage.

Robin Oakley, who was picked up by a Spanish fishing boat from his 30ft trimaran Stockwood, reported to the Royal Western Yacht Club, the race organizers, that his boat's port float was holed

The boat then began to break up and he was taken off by a Spanish fishing boat which is now heading for La Coruna.

Roel Engels, whose 34-ft yacht Doortje sank within 10 miles of Oakley's position, is also thankful for help from Spanish fishermen after an RAF Nimrod spotted him in his liferaft. The Dutchman was back in Plymouth yesterday.

LEADING POSITIONS (13.00 BST yesterday with miles to the Newport finish): 1, P Poupon (Fleury Michon, Fr, 1,551miles); 2, L Peyron (Lada Poch II, Fr, 1,656); 3, P Steggall (Sebago, US, 1,747; 4, O Moussy (Lafarge Mont St Michel, Fr, 1,759); 5, B Peyron (VSD, Fr, 1,801). British placings: 9, A Bullimore (Spirit of Apricot, 1,827); 10, R Tolkien (Williams Lea).

Ray and Darcy outshine the murky return of Jacklin

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

The only consolation for Tony Jacklin as he returned to competitive action with a first round of 80 in the Wang Four Stars tournament at Moor Park yesterday, was that if it had been a match-play event, he would have taken Lee Trevino, his playing partner, to the 19th hole, where both players might have preferred to have stayed throughout a day of vile conditions.

Yet it spoke volumes for the magnetic power of Jacklin and Trevino, who laboured to a 77, that they should attract a huge following on a dank and murky morning on the Hertfordshire course.

At least their presence brightened golf's annual extravaganza for charity. The weather, however, provided little comfort and for Jacklin, embarking on a sentimental comeback because the Open Championship this year is at Royal Lytham and St Annes, where he won in 1969, it was an insuperable obstacle.

There were moments for the connoisseur to savour, although those spectators who stayed to brave the elements were compelled to turn their attention to David Ray, who included three birdies and an eagle in a 67, and Eamonn Darcy, who joined him in the lead with the assistance of six birdies in his last eight holes.

John McHenry, who was only one shot adrift after a 68, is an interesting newcomer to the professional ranks. He was born in 1964 — one year after Jacklin launched his meteoric career by winning Henry Cotton's "Rookie of the Year" award — and he enjoyed a fine amateur career during which he won the Irish Championship on the way to earning Walker Cup honours.

His reward for an aggressive approach was six birdies. His score might have been even better because he missed two other clear opportunities from inside of seven feet.

Two Americans, Rick Hartmann and John Slaughter, plus Robert Lee, later matched McHenry's 68. They are clearly contenders for the first prize of £30,000, along with Mark McNulty, one nine players on 69, whose amateur partner was Martyn Jones, the winner of the competition run by *The Times*.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 67: D Ray, E Darcy, 68: J McHenry, R Hartmann (US), J Slaughter (US), R Lee. 69: M Harwood (Aus), J-M Canizares (Sp), G Brand jnr, R Davis (Aus), M Adcock (US), R Cormaris, D Williams, T Charnley, M McNulty. 70: R Stelten (US), M Clayton (Aus), B Marchbank, E Dussart (Fr), G Turner (NZ), H Baiocchi (SA). 71: J Jacobs (US), S Bennett, J Angiada (Sp), J D Russell, M Calero (Sp), M Allen (US), N Ratcliffe (Aus), E Rodriguez (Sp), R Drummond, D Smythe, D A Russell, D Feherty, B Lane, S Torrance, R Chapman.

Chase for Stewart warms up

By Dennis Signy and Ian Ross

Tottenham Hotspur have agreed a fee of £1.5 million with Manchester City for Paul Stewart, the England under-21 forward. The north London club expect the transfer to be completed early next week in spite of Everton expressing confidence that they would secure the most sought-after player outside the first division.

Terry Venables, the Tottenham manager, returned from holiday in Spain earlier this week to discuss the player's personal terms. Although Stewart, aged 23, had talks last night with Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, Tottenham were satisfied that the player had agreed to join them.

Harvey, howver, was less sure. After listening to Everton's offer Stewart had departed, telling Harvey that he would telephone early this morning with his response. "It comes down to a straight choice between ourselves and Tottenham Hotspur," Harvey said. Whoever he joins, Stewart will become the third most expensive player in domestic transfers

Practice match leaves England men injured

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Stuttgart

England are encountering a series of injury problems here, while Bryan Robson, the captain, was left out of the team which played a local club side last night because Bobby Robson "did not want to risk him" only three days before the country begins its European championship campaign against the Republic of Ireland.

Before leaving for West Germany on Wednesday the manager had said he would play Robson in the team's final practice match, but after yesterday's training session he changed his mind.

"I'm not going to risk him," he said. "He's crucial to us and if he had taken a knock, I would have kicked myself. He's had three hard games, more than anybody else, and I don't expect to rest him during the tournament. So now I want to keep him fresh."

England's manager emphasized that his namesake was not suffering from any hidden ailment. His insistence sounded eerily familiar. He uttered almost the same comforting words during the Mexico World Cup two years ago, only to admit later in his published diary of the finals



that Robson had been injured all along.

Also missing from the match against Helbronn, which England won 4-0, was Watson, whose leg injury is serious enough for him to be in danger of missing the Ireland match. Robson's problems worsened when another centrl defender, Wright, tweaked a hamstring and was taken off at the interval.

Robson has yet to judge the full implications of Wright's ailment or the lesser injuries inflicted on Steven and Lineker. Within a dozen minutes of replacing Barnes, Steven pulled up in obvious pain. "Are you struggling?" Robson anxiously enquired. The response was affirmative and Steven, suffering from a damaged hip, limped off.

Lineker was also withdrawn at half-time but more as a precautionary measure. Having been challenged strongly on several occasions, he was troubled by a painful knee. Against such a background of misfortune, the result and the scorers were of little significance.

For the record Waddle, whose place in the line up on Saturday is more assured, claimed the first goal after half an hour and the third on the hour. McMahon, early in the second half, and Hateley were credited with the others.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Bubka sets it higher

Sergei Bubka improved his own pole vault world record when clearing 6.05 metres in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, yesterday. It was two centimetres better than the 6.03 the Soviet world champion vaulted in Prague last June 23. Four years ago, at Bratislava, Bubka broke the world record for the first time with 5.85. He has improved that seven times.

Irish colours

Garth McGimpsey, dual amateur champion, spearheads Ireland's challenge in a three-day, six-a-side international golf contest at Royal Portrush on June 22 to 24 between Ireland, Sweden, West Germany and France.

IRISH TEAM: E O'Connell (Killarney), L McNamara (Woodbrook), G McGimpsey (Bangor), P Raytus (Tmn), D O'Sullivan (Cork), P Hogan (Elm Park).



Evert: Three-week gap

Evert out

Chris Evert has withdrawn from the Pilkington Glass tennis tournament in Eastbourne next week because of injury but plans to turn out at Wimbledon despite not having played a match for three weeks. Her heel problem contributed to her defeat by the 16-year-old, Arantxa Sanchez, in the French Open.

Hick's award

Graeme Hick, of Worcestershire, is Britannic Assurance player of the month for May after becoming the first player to score 1,000 runs before the end of May since Glenn Turner did so in 1963. He receives a cheque for £250. Middlesex are the sponsor's team of the month after topping the table with 91 points. The county wins £750.

Indoor circuit

A European indoor athletics circuit was created at a meeting in Madrid yesterday. The provisional list of 10 meetings closes with the Dairy Crest Games in Glasgow next March 12. Andy Norman, spokesman for the indoor directors, did not see any threat to the American indoor season. "The balance of power has shifted to Europe. Americans are no longer essential to a successful meeting" he said.

Wimbledon will appeal against fine

Sam Hammam, the managing director of Wimbledon, the FA Cup winners, said yesterday that the club will probably lodge an appeal against the £5,000 fine imposed by the Football Association for the incident in which nine of the club's players bared their bottoms at a testimonial match (Dennis Signy writes).

Hammam said: "As far as we are concerned the club have done nothing wrong at all. As a senior first division side and the FA Cup holders, the decision was hard to swallow and we are certain we are innocent."

Ticket sales alarm Minister

From John Goodbody, Stuttgart

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport who flies to West Germany at the weekend to watch Sunday's England v Republic of Ireland European championship match, is far from happy with reports that tickets were available to supporters up until 5pm yesterday.

He has constantly urged the West German government and the organizers to end ticket sales well before the tournament begins today.

The tickets which have alarmed the Minister were being sold from a booth outside the Stuttgart stadium where Sunday's game takes place.

West German police in riot gear staged a mock battle with colleagues posing as English football hooligans in Munich's Olympic stadium yesterday. About 250 baton-wielding police charged about 100 "fans" who were shouting slogans in English. They then went into the crowd with horses and dogs, pulling "supporters" away and herding them handcuffed into police vans. The riot training lasted two hours.

Final travel details of the official parties of nearly 8,000 English football supporters were yesterday distributed throughout Western Europe as the Continent's police forces mounted their biggest ever operation against possible hooliganism at the European Championship.

From the operations room of the British Transport Police in London, Inspector Denis Temporal, the football liaison officer, said that it had been "a quiet start" with most of the travelling scheduled for tonight and tomorrow for Sunday's game against the Republic of Ireland in Stuttgart.

The authorities' concern centres on "freelance" supporters who will be travelling to West Germany without tickets. A small group has already been identified on a Hull to Rotterdam ferry. "None readily admitted going to the matches, but we know better," Temporal said.

But so far fewer than 100 have been spotted, although it is expected that about 500 will be at the games, some of whom will have gone direct to Germany from the friendly against Switzerland on May 28.